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Provisional Clerk Mapes: "All assembled in this auditorium give attention. The Secretary of State, the Honorable Jesse White sends greetings and proclaims that this day, the second Wednesday of January 2013, is a day fixed for the convening of the House of Representatives of the 98th General Assembly of the State of Illinois pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution. The provisional doorkeeper is directed to clear the aisles."

Provisional Doorkeeper Crawford: "Auditorium stage. Will all Representatives-elect be assembled on the auditorium stage."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "May I have at your attention, please? At the Speaker's rostrum and ready to convene the House of Representatives of the 98th General Assembly in and for the great State of Illinois is the Secretary of State, the Honorable Jesse White."

Secretary White: "Thank you. The House of Representatives of the 98th General Assembly of the State of Illinois will come to order. Welcome. Welcome to the great City of Springfield and I hope that you'll have the enjoyable experience. Quoting from the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, Article IV Section 6(b). 'On the first day of January the Illinois General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall convene the House of Representatives and elect from its Members a Speaker of the House of Representatives as presiding officer.' We shall now be led in prayer by Pastor Thomas Cross of the United Methodist Churches of northern Illinois and Rabbi Mark Kalish of the Agudath Israel of America. Pastor Cross is

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also the father of House Republican Leader Tom Cross. And will the Members and their guests please rise. And I would hope that you will remain standing throughout the Pledge of Allegiance."

Rabbi Kalish: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary and all elected officials here today. In Hebrew the Bible begins with the words Bereshit bara Elokim, in the beginning God created. The last letter of each of these words combine themselves to form the word emet, truth. The Talmud thus teaches chosmo shel HaKodosh Baruch Hu is emet, the seal of creation, of God, is truth. With this, let us bow our head in prayer. As we the Leaders of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois begin a new term and create law, please, God Almighty, guide us in truth. Let truth guide our determination. Let truth guide our action and let truth guide our decision. With that prayer, let us add a prayer for God to continue to protect our servicemen and women in the Armed Forces around the world. Let us also pray for the safety of the brave men and women who serve as first responders to local emergencies on a daily basis. May His cloud of glory continue to watch over us all and to that let us all say, Amen."

Pastor Cross: "I want to thank Speaker Madigan and Republican Leader Cross for the opportunity to offer this invocation. Let us pray. By whatever name we call You, whatever means we worship You, whatever theology we understand You, God of all people, all ages, all nations, all races, we give You thanks for each of our Legislators and for the citizens of our state who have granted them this opportunity. As we

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embark on a new term, we come with the request that You help all of us recall a foundational aspect of human nature that may have gone gray for us. Every major religious faith throughout history acknowledges the worth of the individual and the equal sacredness of our relationship with others. In the Hebraic Christian tradition, You gave us the Ten Commandants and Jesus, His Sermon on the Mount, both of which we affirm... both of which affirm that we are made for community. I have a right to have a gun, but life as You created it is about more than my individual rights. It is also about living responsibly in all of the communities of which I am a part. Those communities include my family, my neighborhood, my town, my state, my nation, my planet. I have a right to my pension; I've paid into it as did others. And I also have a spiritual responsibility to ask myself, can I be concerned about my stuff alone or can I also care whether there is funding for the disabled, the sick, early childhood education for little ones in poverty. I have the right to drive a car if I have a license. And I also have the responsibility to consider how my driving affects the health and well-being of every other person on the road. As we enter a new term now as Legislators and citizens, help us, Oh God, to remember that if we keep our spiritual values separate from what we call the real world, then we have merely locked them in a vault called religion, discounting the relevance they may have ever had in our daily lives. Our spiritual values ground us; our legislative laws put those values into civil practice. Free us, oh God, of the apathy born of fatalism. Inflame us with

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the passion borne of hope. Free us of the limiting lust for privilege and benefit. And enrich our souls with the yearning to serve. Oh God, we know the way You would have us go and today You come in thunder insisting that we put into lawful practice what we claim to believe. And if we are to ever turn Your thunder into rainbows, grant us now the courage to trust, Amen."

Secretary White: "Will the Dean of the House, Michael J. Madigan, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Madigan - 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."

Secretary White: "You may be seated. For the duration of this organizational proceedings, I have appointed the following provisional officers: as provisional Clerk, Timothy D. Mapes; as provisional Doorkeeper, Lee Craw... Crawford; and as provisional Parliamentarian, Heather Wier Vaught. Also, I have the distinction of introducing some distinguished Illinoisans, some elected officials who have joined with us today. We have Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Kilbride; Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon; Attorney General Lisa Madigan; Congressman Aaron Schock, Congressman Rodney Davis. The provisional Clerk will call the roll of Members elected to the 98th General Assembly. The roll will be called in alphabetical order, as certified by the State Board of Elections and each Member in attendance will be required to say 'present' when their name is called. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll."

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Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Edward Acevedo."
Acevedo: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Luis Arroyo."
Arroyo: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Daniel Beiser."
Beiser: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Patricia 'Patti' Bellock."
Bellock: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Maria 'Toni' Berrios."
Berrios: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Mike Bost."
Bost: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "John Bradley."
Bradley: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Dan Brady."
Brady: "Here."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Rich Brauer."
Brauer: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Adam Brown."
Brown: "Here."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Daniel Burke."
Burke, D.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Kelly Burke."
Burke, K.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "John Cabello."
Cabello: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Kelly Cassidy."
Cassidy: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "John Cavaletto."

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Cavaletto: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Linda Chapa LaVia."
Chapa LaVia: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Katherine 'Kate' Cloonen."
Cloonen: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Deborah O'Keefe Conroy."
Conroy: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Jerry Costello II."
Costello: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Fred Crespo."
Crespo: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Tom Cross."
Cross: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Barbara Flynn Currie."
Currie: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "John D'Amico."
D'Amico: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Christopher Davidsmeyer."
Davidsmeyer: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Monique Davis."
Davis, M.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "William 'Will' Davis."
Davis, W.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Anthony DeLuca."
DeLuca: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Tom Demmer."
Demmer: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Scott Drury."
Drury: "Present."

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Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Kenneth 'Ken' Dunkin."
Dunkin: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Jim Durkin."
Durkin: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Marcus Evans, Jr."
Evans, M.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Keith Farnham."
Farnham: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Sara Feigenholtz."
Feigenholtz: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Laura Fine."
Fine: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Mary Flowers."
Flowers: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "LaShawn Ford."
Ford: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Mike Fortner."
Fortner: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Jack Franks."
Franks: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Robyn Gabel."
Gabel: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Esther Golar."
Golar: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Jehan Gordon."
Gordon: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Brad Halbbrook."
Halbrook: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Norine Hammond."

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Hammond: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Josh Harms."
Harms: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "David Harris."
Harris, D.: "Here."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Gregory Harris."
Harris, G.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Kay Hatcher."
Hatcher: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Chad Hays."
Hays: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Elizabeth 'Lisa' Hernandez."
Hernandez: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Jay Hoffman."
Hoffman: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Frances Ann Hurley."
Hurley: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Jeanne Ives."
Ives: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Eddie Lee Jackson."
Jackson: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Naomi Jakobsson."
Jakobsson: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Charles 'Chuck' Jefferson."
Jefferson: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Thaddeus Jones."
Jones: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Dwight Kay."
Kay: "Present."

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Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Stephanie Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Renée Kosel."

Kosel: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Lou Lang."

Lang: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "David Leitch."

Leitch: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Camille Lilly."

Lilly: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Michael J. Madigan."

Madigan: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Natalie Manley."

Manley: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Robert Martwick, Jr."

Martwick: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Frank Mautino."

Mautino: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Rita Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Emily McAsey."

McAsey: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Michael McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "David McSweeney."

McSweeney: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Charles Meier."

Meier: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Deborah Mell."

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Mell: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Bill Mitchell."
Mitchell, B.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Christian Mitchell."
Mitchell, C.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Donald Moffitt."
Moffitt: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Tom Morrison."
Morrison: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Martin Moylan."
Moylan: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Michelle Mussman."
Mussman: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Elaine Nekritz."
Nekritz: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "JoAnn Osmond."
Osmond: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Brandon Phelps."
Phelps: "Here."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Sandra Pihos."
Pihos: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Raymond Poe."
Poe: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Robert Pritchard."
Pritchard: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Dennis Reboletti."
Reboletti: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "David Reis."
Reis: "Present."

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Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Al Riley."
Riley: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Robert 'Bob' Rita."
Rita: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Wayne Arthur Rosenthal."
Rosenthal: "Here."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Pam Roth."
Roth: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Jim Sacia."
Sacia: "Here."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Ron Sandack."
Sandack: "Here."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Sue Scherer."
Scherer: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Timothy Schmitz."
Schmitz: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Darlene Senger."
Senger: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Carol Sente."
Sente: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Elgie Sims, Jr."
Sims: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Mike Smiddy."
Smiddy: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Derrick Smith."
Smith: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Keith Sommer."
Sommer: "Here."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Joe Sosnowski."

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Sosnowski: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Cynthia Soto."
Soto: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Ed Sullivan, Jr."
Sullivan: "Here."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Silvana Tabares."
Tabares: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "André Thapedi."
Thapedi: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Jil Tracy."
Tracy: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Michael Tryon."
Tryon: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Arthur Turner."
Turner: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Michael Unes."
Unes: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Patrick Verschoore."
Verschoore: "Here."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Lawrence 'Larry' Walsh, Jr."
Walsh: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Emanuel 'Chris' Welch."
Welch: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Barbara Wheeler."
Wheeler: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Ann Williams."
Williams: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Kathleen Willis."
Willis: "Present."

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Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Sam Yingling."

Yingling: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Michael Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Present."

Secretary White: "118 Representatives-elect having answered to the Roll Call, we have a quorum. And the House of Representatives of the 98th General Assembly is officially convened. Provisional Clerk will enter the attendance into the... into the Journal. I now have the great honor of introducing to this Body a former Member of the House of Representatives, a dear friend of mine, a gentleman who served in this Body for a long period of time, his name is Alan Greiman. He's a retired Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, who will administer the constitutional oath of office, following which each Member shall execute the written oath to be found in my office. Justice Alan Greiman."

Justice Greiman: "Thank you. Will the Representatives-elect please stand. And if you will, will you raise your right hands and repeat after me. I do solemnly swear..."

Representatives-elect: "I do solemnly swear..."

Justice Greiman: "...that I will support the Constitution of the United States..."

Representatives-elect: "...that I will support the Constitution of the United States..."

Justice Greiman: "...and the Constitution of the State of Illinois..."

Representatives-elect: "...and the Constitution of the State of Illinois..."

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Justice Greiman: "...and that I will faithfully discharge the duties..."

Representatives-elect: "...and that I will faithfully discharge the duties..."

Justice Greiman: "...of the office of Representative in the..."

Representatives-elect: "of the office of Representative..."

Justice Greiman: "...in the General Assembly..."

Representatives-elect: "in the General Assembly..."

Justice Greiman: "...to the best of my ability."

Representatives-elect: "...to the best of my ability."

Justice Greiman: "Congratulations."

Secretary White: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we are part way there.

We have more work to do. Again, will all of the Members of the House please execu... execute the written oath and submit them to the provisional Clerk. Members shall execute their signatures twice on the sheet and place it in the chair and pass it to the center aisle. And there... there has been... there will be a person to receive it. And we will stand at ease for a few moments until that process has been completed. Under Article IV, Section 6(b) of the Constitution, the first order of business of the House is the election of its membership of the Speaker as presiding officer. The House is now governed by the Rule of the House of the 97th General Assembly, which are made of... applic... which are made applicable to these proceedings by Section 3 of the General Assembly Operations Act. These Rules provide the person receiving the majority of the votes of the Members elected shall be declared elected Speaker. Therefore, 60 votes in favor of the nominee shall be

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required to be elected Speaker. Debate shall not be in order following the nominations and proceedings in doing the vote. Nominations are now open for the office of Speaker. The Lady from Cook, Representative Barbara Flynn Currie to make a nomination."

Currie: "Thank you, Secretary White. And to our families and friends, welcome. To the newly mented... minted Members of the Illinois House of Representatives of the 98th General Assembly, my congratulations. We've been elected to a job that is certainly demanding, but it is also deeply rewarding. In our system of government, the Legislature is on an equal footing with the executive and the judiciary and I hope, I encourage each of us to make sure that we remain a full partner in our governmental enterprise. It is my privilege today to nominate Michael J. Madigan for the job of Speaker of the House. Mike has a record of absolute commitment to this institution and to its legitimate prerogatives. His record as Speaker shows us how seriously he takes the job, how willing he is to put in the time, the intelligence and the energy that it takes to do it well. He understands the issues. He thinks things through. He's not a knee-jerk, not a snap judgment kind of guy, and the results of his deliberative approach serve the people well. In fact, our form of government depends on a deliberative approach. Success requires consensus; it requires compromise. Mike understands how to create consensus; he knows how to fashion compromise. He appreciates the value of bipartisanship and in the Session just ended, it was Mike who spearheaded the efforts to resolve our pension

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problems, to craft a budget that reflected the real limits of our available revenues and to restore fiscal integrity to the state's medical program for the poor. In each of these efforts, Mike invited the full participation of the Minority Party. Mike appreciates the problems we face as a government and as a people. He recognizes the divisions that trouble us, divisions that pit rich against poor, upstate against down, suburb against city. He understands that our diversity which is our greatest strength is also our greatest challenge. Mike helps us bridge our divisions; he helps us build from the values we all share. And even as we take our oath of office, we know our state is in dire straits. We face a backlog of unpaid bills and our \$96 billion pension debt grows larger each and every day. One man has shown he has the capacity to chart a course out of the morass. That man is Michael Madigan. He's honest; he's decent; he's a person of great integrity. And for all his commitment to this institution, Mike is first and foremost a family man. He is devoted to his beautiful wife Shirley, their children, Lisa and Pat, Tiffany and Jordan, Nicole and Andrew and to the grandchildren: Rebecca, who's about to turn eight; her younger sister, the ever effervescent Lucy and the newest member of the clan, little Eliza. Mike Madigan has been and will be a Speaker for all Illinois. It is my pleasure, my great honor to propose that we invite him for a repeat performance in the 98th General Assembly."

Secretary White: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House. Is there a

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second to this nomination? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Frank Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Fellow Representatives, friends, loved ones, family, I rise today to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives. Michael Madigan has served the people of the 22nd District, the 13th Ward, the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois with honors and distinction since January 13, 1971. Born in the City of Chicago in 1942, he attended St. Ignatius College and Prep School, the University of Notre Dame and Loyola University of Law in Chicago. Michael Madigan served as a delegate for the 1970 Constitution. Civic, community, educational and business organizations throughout the state have recognized his hard work and leadership. And his leadership is not restricted by the way things have always been done. It's been a continuing search for the best way, not the most familiar or popular or politically safe means to solve problems. The common denominator for that success has been hard work and without that work, man loses his vision, confidence and determination to achieve. Michael Madigan has a reputation for one of the strongest work ethics in... as far as the Leaders in the State of Illinois. A number of years ago the Speaker asked me to join him for breakfast at 7 a.m. in Bolingbrook at Denny's. I arrived at 6:30; he was already there. Now, I had suspected that he'd never actually been to a Denny's and this was confirmed a few minutes later when he produced an apple and a banana from his pocket and offered me one. At that point, I said,

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Speaker, they actually do that here. That meeting helped pave the way for hundreds of windmills and thousands of jobs that continue today throughout central Illinois. It's always impressed me and I've always respected that he was willing to sit down with a Member, talk about their districts and their issues and what is important to us. Over the past two General Assemblies, and especially this past General Assembly, with the Leadership of Michael J. Madigan we've instituted a new form of budget making. We've had two consistent, consecutive balanced budgets. With the increased revenues and the elimination of waste and fraud, we were able to begin paying down old bills through an effort brought together from all Members, both Parties. In the course of the past two Sessions, we have accomplished workers' compensation reform, Medicaid reform, repaired roads and bridges through a Capital Bill, pension reform for new employees, landmark... landmark school reform, campaign finance and ethics reforms and solved the unemployment insurance crisis that threatened a lot of the working people in the State of Illinois. We did this through working together and we have turned a corner, but there's still a lot more work to do. And it's for this reason, that I am proud to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Chuck Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Thank you for this great honor. Mr. Speaker, I had a long list of things I was going to say about you, but Tim Mapes told me because of the time constraints to keep it

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short, so here I am. Thanks to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for being here today. It is a sincere honor and privilege to nominate Michael Madigan for Leader of the House Democratic Caucus for the 98th General Assembly. For more than 10 years I've worked closely with Mike Madigan. As a freshman Legislator, I felt incredibly honored by the privilege of serving in this chamber, but also very overwhelmed at times. This is not an easy job. It carries with it great responsibility, but Mike was then and continues to be a great mentor and Leader. Always willing to listen to my concerns, work with this caucus and provide guidance and assistance and make my experience here rewarding while I fight hard to serve my constituents. Mike understands the serious issues of our state and what we face. Several years ago before most people in the United States or even in Illinois that matter and had heard the words foreclosure crisis, Mike was already working on solutions. The main reason he knew this horrible problem was raising its ugly head was because he listens. He listened to the residents of the southwest side of Chicago communities who were being driven from their homes by decline of property values and predatory lenders. He listened to Members of our caucus, like myself, as well as other State Representatives and State Senators whose residents were facing the loss of their homes. Mike put his heart and soul into passing serious legislation and reforms to crack down on predatory lenders and helping families save their homes from foreclosure. Mike has always been attentive to the needs and concerns of Illinois from the

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urban communities to the rural, from the city and suburbs to downstate. Mike Madigan doesn't shy away from adversity and doesn't back down when a tough job needs to be done. We know that the next two years are going to be filled with immense challenges for our state. We know we're going to be forced, given the fiscal respon... realities about Illinois to make very tough decisions to help get the state back on track. Now more than ever we need a strong Leader at the helm of our caucus to help guide, not only Illinois House Democrats, but the entire House of Representatives and our State Government through what will be very challenging times. We ask for no better Leader... we can ask for no better Leader at this very serious time in our state's history than Mike Madigan. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Chair recog... recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Edward Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Ladies and Gentlemen, my fellow colleagues, welcome to the 98th Illinois General Assembly. I am honored to have been given the privilege of seconding the nomination for the position of Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. The position of Speaker necessitates great leadership, tenacity and responsibility. In that vein, our nominee certainly needs no introduction. Over the past 30 years, Representative Michael Madigan has amplified these qualities and has done so by leading us through some of the most impactful moments in Illinois history. In fact, Representative Michael Madigan has never stopped fighting for the people of Illinois. He has stood at the forefront of ethics reform fighting for legislation that holds our

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elected officials accountable. He has fought for legislation to eliminate predatory lending in many of the practices responsible for our country's current economic difficulties. He has led the battle to actualize reforms that'll help resolve our pension crisis so that working people of Illinois can breathe a little easier. He has fought to reach bipartisan compromise and solutions to the problems of all Illinoisans face regardless of political alliance. Representative Madigan has continuously fought a legislative battle that needed to be fought because it's the right thing for Illinois. We want him to continue to fight for us in 2013 and beyond that. Because of his 30 years of service, fighting for us as Speaker, Representative Madigan has been a deserving recipient of a number of awards in recognition. He has been honored not only as an outstanding Legislator that he is, but also an outstanding person and an outstanding citizen of Illinois. It's fitting then, with the great honor, that I second the nomination for Speaker of the House an outstanding Legislator, an outstanding citizen, an outstanding Illinoisan, Representative Michael J. Madigan."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Elaine Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary and welcome to my colleagues, friends and family. The people of Illinois have put great trust in us and are counting on us to be bold while facing the significant challenges ahead. There was no one better to lead us through these difficulties than Michael J. Madigan and that is why I am proud to second his

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nomination for Speaker of the Illinois House. As I enter my second decade of serving in the House, which puts me only a couple of centuries behind the service of Mike Madigan, my respect for him continues to grow. Being State Representative means taking on so many important duties, being Speaker means those duties are magnified by 118 and then some. You have to know the policies inside and out, know the politics of those policies and know the personalities of the people behind the politics and policies to make it all work out in the end. That work is never easy. Sometimes no matter how hard you try it falls short; trust me, I know. Just look at how Session ended yesterday. That is what makes Mike Madigan's historic run as Speaker so impressive. He is the focal point of the House and often of the entire legislative process. He studies policy in excruciating detail so he is always a step ahead, if not seven or eight. He puts Members in position to be successful, to reach their goals and shield them from potential pitfalls. He respects the process greatly and the players and he always remembers that Illinois is a rich, diverse state requiring a delicate balancing of interests. He works very hard, we all know that. You rarely see him out in Springfield. But actually, I did run into him at the grocery store during the great Twinkie run of 2012. Of course, he was buying apples. The Illinois House is a better place with Michael J. Madigan at the helm. For all of these reasons and many others, I... I gladly second his nomination."

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Secretary White: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House. The Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Mautino; the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Jefferson; the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Acevedo and the Lady from Cook, Representative Nekritz second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for the office of Speaker. Representative Mike Madigan is now nominated for the office of Speaker. Are there further nominations? The Chair recognizes the Lady from Lake, Representative JoAnn Osm... Osmond."

Osmond: "Thank you. It is my great honor that I rise today to nominate the distinguished Member from Kendall County, Leader Tom Cross for the office of Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. For the past 10 years, I have had the privilege of serving alongside Tom Cross in the House chamber and it is impossible not to recognize the exceptional knowledge, leadership ability and the sincere passion for improving the quality of life for all the people of Illinois. Leader Cross is a man of uncommon insight who has constantly demonstrated the ability to bring people of all sides together on an issue in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect, skills which are much needed in the General Assembly today as we look ahead to the daunting challenges that face us in the coming days and months. Extraordinary times, such as those we find ourselves in today, require a unique set of leadership abilities and vision for the future. As the son of a pastor, Tom Cross grew up with inspiration of the

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unshakable strength of faith and family can provide to one's life. As a Legislator, Leader Cross brings these same core values to the halls of our State Capitol and to the floor of the House. Representative Tom Cross is a consensus builder, a great listener, a trusted and trustworthy colleague and most importantly, a man guided with strong principle. As Speaker, Tom Cross would lead our House of Representatives with openness, transparency and respect for the voices and contributions of every Member regardless of the Party. The people of Illinois deserve nothing less. It is, therefore, with great enthusiasm and respect I nominate Leader Tom Cross for the office of Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives."

Secretary White: "The Chair represent... the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Winnebago... the Lady from Lake, Representative Osmond places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Kendall, Tom Cross for Speaker of the House. Is there a second to this nomination? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Mike Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. While doing this I'll try to... I keep my emotions in check and try to keep my papers at the ready. Welcome, new Members, to the 98th General Assembly. Welcome back to those colleagues that I've served with for many years. I stand before you today to second the nomination of Tom Cross for Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. The 98th General Assembly marks the tenth term as State Representative that I've... when I first took office in 1995 during the 89th General Assembly and since that time, in 1995, 18 years ago it was then and only

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then that we elected a Republican Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. In 1997, Mike Madigan was reelected to Speaker of the House and has served as Speaker for 32 years. Today's vote will be the single most important vote you'll make in the General Assembly. This vote will determine which committees are established, which committee your Bill will go to, which Bi... and whether or not that Bill will be called in that committee. It'll even... or whether it will even be given a public hearing. For the last 32 years, this has not been a very Democratic place. One person elected out of 118 represent... Representatives has controlled the fate of legislation introduced in the House of Representatives. It's time for a change, which is why I stand before you today to nominate Tom Cross for Speaker of the House. Since 2003, Tom Cross has served as the House Minority Leader. Throughout the term... throughout his term, Leader Cross has shown us leadership by leading with tolerance and compassion. Leader Cross has given each Member of our Minority Party an opportunity to share their opinions and concerns during our caucuses, during meetings that we all hold together with all Members of our Party. Our caucus meetings have ensured our voices are heard. Leader Cross operates with an open-door policy and will continue to make his door open to ensure your voice is heard and will not fall on deaf ears. Over the past 10 years, Leader Cross has proven he can work with both sides of the aisle to develop good policy. Most important, if elected, Tom Cross as Speaker, Leader Cross will support House Rules that will ensure each and every Bill you

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introduce will receive the opportunity for consideration and to be voted on either up or down. Members of the 98th General Assembly, today is the most important vote you will make for your constituents and for the citizens of the State of Illinois. And that's why I ask you to please join me as I cast my vote for Tom Cross for Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. And with that, I second the nomination of Tom Cross."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative John Cabello."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Want to thank everybody and welcome every... my new colleagues and their friends and family to Springfield. It's an honor and a privilege to be here today. I'm Representative John Cabello and I proudly serve the residents of Illinois's 68th District in the Rockford area. Some of my accomplished colleagues on this stage have been here for a long time; others are new to this journey. A journey, no doubt, that can be very intimidating. When I first joined the Illinois House of Representatives last year, I was overwhelmed navigating this complex new world. But from the beginning, Tom Cross has gone above and beyond to put my concerns to rest, he has made me feel at home. Tom Cross is quick to lend a hand and always makes time to listen, always. And it doesn't matter what time of night or early morning. I'm impressed with the ability that he has to understand the complexity of the issues in front of us and for his vision for Illinois's future. Illinois is in a crossroad, but under the strong leadership of Tom Cross I am confident that we

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will see a bright future. Thank you, Leader Cross in all that you've done for me, for our caucus and for the people of Illinois. Again, welcome, everyone here today. I look forward to working with all of you in the 98th General Assembly and beyond. And I second Leader Tom Cross as being Speaker."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from DuPage, Representative Patti Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Secretary. And welcome to all the new Members and the current Members and we want to thank you, all of you, our family and friends for coming down today and making it such a special day for all of us. It's a wonderful day today. In all the last inaugurations that I've been in, we've had ice storms, snowstorms, black ice, so today is like being in Florida without the palm trees. Inauguration Day is always an historic day for the new and the current Members, but it's even a greater occasion to have all of you celebrate it with us. So, thank you very much, again. Everyone on this stage, all 118 of us, have worked hard to get here, not only this year but in other years during campaigns. But today is that culmination of all the achievements and the hard work that they've put in and I know a lot of you in this audience have probably done a lot to support them in getting there. Throughout my years in the Legislature, I've had the opportunity to work with some of the most innovative, talented and dedicated individuals, some of which that are on this stage right now, that you could ever meet. And I'm talking about people on both sides of the aisle. During the legislative process,

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Leaders emerge from those individuals and there is no better example of effective leadership than our House Republican Leader Tom Cross. A recent quote I saw said, Leadership rests not only upon ability, not only upon capacity; having the capacity to lead is not really enough. A leader must be willing to use it. His leadership is then based on truth and character. There must be truth in the purpose and there must be willpower in the character. Truth and character, two really important words that personify Tom Cross's values. That quote, Tom, was not from Abraham Lincoln; it was Vince Lombardi. Tom is a leader who listens, as some of the previous speakers have mentioned, to his Members, not only in his caucus but to anyone who approaches him from both sides of the aisle. And he encourages us to give his opinions sometimes to the dismay of the people waiting for us to come back upstairs. He leads from the bottom up, not the top down and encourages us to move forward on achieving our goals in good public policy for the people that all of us represent in our own districts, and to the entire State of Illinois. His commitment to bipartisan solutions has never been more evident than this past year in working with the Speaker, other Leaders, and Members of both sides in solving our fiscal crisis and moving towards comprehensive reform to sustain our Medicaid and our pension systems in order to make them solvent. And that's what our economy rests on. On a personal note, Tom is dedicated to his family and compassionate on many issues including diabetes which he has led him to be a driving force on national model

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legislation and founding, along with Representative Tryon, the first diabetes legislative caucus in the United States. While doing all, I've just mentioned, he usually maintains a pretty good sense of humor except when we're discussing an important issue, the White Sox versus the Cubs. That's tough to talk about, but we know for both teams there's always next year. Above all, Tom is a man of his word, the essence of a true leader. And that is why I am proud to put in place nominate this... to second the nomination of Tom Cross, a friend and a colleague, as Speaker of the House of Representatives."

Secretary White: "The Lady from Lake, Representative Osmond places in nomination the name from the Gentleman from Kendall, Tom Cross for Speaker of the House. The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost; the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Cabello; the Lady from DuPage, Representative Bellock second the nomination of Tom... Representative Tom Cross for the office of Speaker. Representative Cross is nominated for the office of speaker. Are there further nominations for the office of Speaker? There being no further nominations offered from the floor, the nominations for the office of Speaker are closed. The nominees for the office of Speaker are as follows for the 98th General Assembly: Representative Michael J. Madigan and Representative Tom Cross. And the question will... we will have an oral Roll Call. When your name is called, you will stand and you will announce your choice in a loud, clear voice for Speaker of the House for

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the 98th General Assembly. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the roll."

Clerk Mapes: "Edward Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Michael J. Madigan."

Clerk Mapes: "Luis Arroyo."

Arroyo: "Michael J. Madigan."

Clerk Mapes: "Daniel Beiser."

Beiser: "Michael J. Madigan."

Clerk Mapes: "Patricia 'Patti' Bellock."

Bellock: "Tom Cross."

Clerk Mapes: "Maria 'Toni' Berrios."

Berrios: "Michael J. Madigan."

Clerk Mapes: "Mike Bost."

Bost: "Tom Cross."

Clerk Mapes: "John Bradley."

Bradley: "Michael J. Madigan."

Clerk Mapes: "Dan Brady."

Brady: "Tom Cross."

Clerk Mapes: "Rich Brauer."

Brauer: "Tom Cross."

Clerk Mapes: "Adam Brown."

Brown: "Tom Cross."

Clerk Mapes: "Daniel Burke."

Burke, D.: "Michael J. Madigan."

Clerk Mapes: "Kelly Burke."

Burke, K.: "Michael J. Madigan."

Clerk Mapes: "John Cabello."

Cabello: "Tom Cross."

Clerk Mapes: "Kelly Cassidy."

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Cassidy: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "John Cavaletto."
Cavaletto: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Linda Chapa LaVia."
Chapa LaVia: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Katherine 'Kate' Cloonen."
Cloonen: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Deborah O'Keefe Conroy."
Conroy: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Jerry Costello II."
Costello: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Fred Crespo."
Crespo: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Tom Cross."
Cross: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Barb... Barbara Flynn Currie."
Currie: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "John D'Amico."
D'Amico: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Christopher Davidsmeyer."
Davidsmeyer: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Monique Davis."
Davis, M.: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "William 'Will' Davis."
Davis, W.: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Anthony DeLuca."
DeLuca: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Tom Demmer."
Demmer: "Tom Cross."

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Clerk Mapes: "Scott Drury."
Drury: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Kenneth 'Ken' Dunkin."
Dunkin: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Jim Durkin."
Durkin: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Marcus Evans, Jr."
Evans, M.: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Keith Farnham."
Farnham: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Sara Feigenholtz."
Feigenholtz: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Laura Fine."
Fine: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Mary Flowers."
Flowers: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "LaShawn Ford."
Ford: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Mike Fortner."
Fortner: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Jack Franks."
Franks: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Robyn Gabel."
Gabel: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Esther Golar."
Golar: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Jehan Gordon."
Gordon: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Brad Halbbrook."

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Halbrook: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Norine Hammond."
Hammond: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Josh Harms."
Harms: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "David Harris."
Harris, D.: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Gregory Harris."
Harris, G.: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Kay Hatcher."
Hatcher: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Chad Hays."
Hays: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Elizabeth 'Lisa' Hernandez."
Hernandez: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Jay Hoffman."
Hoffman: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Frances Ann Hurley."
Hurley: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Jeanne Ives."
Ives: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Eddie Lee Jackson."
Jackson: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Naomi Jakobsson."
Jakobsson: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Charles 'Chuck' Jefferson."
Jefferson: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Thaddeus Jones."
Jones: "Michael J. Madigan."

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Clerk Mapes: "Dwight Kay."
Kay: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Stephanie Kifowit."
Kifowit: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Renée Kosel."
Kosel: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Lou Lang."
Lang: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "David Leitch."
Leitch: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Camille Lilly."
Lilly: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Michael J. Madigan."
Madigan: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Natalie Manley."
Manley: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Robert Martwick, Jr."
Martwick: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Frank Mautino."
Mautino: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Rita Mayfield."
Mayfield: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Emily McAsey."
McAsey: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Michael McAuliffe."
McAuliffe: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "David McSweeney."
McSweeney: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Charles Meier."

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Meier: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Deborah Mell."
Mell: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Bill Mitchell."
Mitchell, B.: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Christian Mitchell."
Mitchell: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Donald Moffitt."
Moffitt: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Tom Morrison."
Morrison: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Martin Moylan."
Moylan: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Michelle Mussman."
Mussman: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Elaine Nekritz."
Nekritz: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "JoAnn Osmond."
Osmond: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Brandon Phelps."
Phelps: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Sandra Pihos."
Pihos: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Raymond Poe."
Poe: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Robert Pritchard."
Pritchard: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Dennis Reboletti."
Reboletti: "Tom Cross."

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Clerk Mapes: "David Reis."
Reis: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Al Riley."
Riley: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Robert 'Bob' Rita."
Rita: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Wayne Arthur Rosenthal."
Rosenthal: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Pam Roth."
Roth: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Jim Sacia."
Sacia: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Ron Sandack."
Sandack: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Sue Scherer."
Scherer: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Timothy Schmitz."
Schmitz: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Darlene Senger."
Senger: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Carol Sente."
Sente: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Elgie Sims, Jr."
Sims: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Mike Smiddy."
Smiddy: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Derrick Smith."
Smith: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Keith Sommer."

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Sommer: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Joe Sosnowski."
Sosnowski: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Cynthia Soto."
Soto: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Ed Sullivan, Jr."
Sullivan: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Silvana Tabares."
Tabares: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "André Thapedi."
Thapedi: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Jil Tracy."
Tracy: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Michael Tryon."
Tryon: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Arthur Turner."
Turner: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Michael Unes."
Unes: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Patrick Verschoore."
Verschoore: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Lawrence 'Larry' Walsh, Jr."
Walsh: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Emanuel 'Chris' Welch."
Welch: "Michael J. Madigan."
Clerk Mapes: "Barbara Wheeler."
Wheeler: "Tom Cross."
Clerk Mapes: "Ann Williams."
Williams: "Michael J. Madigan."

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Clerk Mapes: "Kathleen Willis."

Willis: "Michael J. Madigan."

Clerk Mapes: "Sam Yingling."

Yingling: "Michael J. Madigan."

Clerk Mapes: "Michael Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Michael J. Madigan."

Secretary White: "Ladies and Gentlemen, could I have your attention, please. On that question, Mr. Madigan received 71 votes, Mr. Cross 47 votes. I hereby declare that Michael J. Madigan has been elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 98th General Assembly. And Tom Cross has been elected Minority Leader of the House of Representatives for the 98th General Assembly. On a personal note, I want to congratulate Speaker Madigan and with the consent of the House, I would like to appoint six Members to constitute the Honor Committee to escort Speaker Madigan to the rostrum so he can take the constitutional oath. Is there leave? Leave being asked and leave being granted, I hereby appoint the following Members to be the Committee of Escort: Representative Linda Chapa LaVia, Representative Mary Flowers, Representative Brandon Phelps, Representative C. D. Davidsmeyer, Representative David McSweeney, and Representative Charles Meier. Will the committee retire to the seat of Representative Madigan to escort him to the rostrum. To administer the constitutional oath of the Speaker, I have the great honor of, again, presenting to this House, the Honorable Alan J. Greiman, retired Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. Joining Justice Greiman on the podium are the members of the Spe...

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of Speaker Madigan's family, who will assist in the administering of the oath. Justice Greiman."

Justice Greiman: "Mr. Speaker, raise your right hand, Sir. Repeat after me. I, Michael Madigan..."

Madigan: "I, Michael J. Madigan..."

Justice Greiman: "...do solemnly swear..."

Madigan: "...do solemnly swear..."

Justice Greiman: "...that I will support the Constitution of the United States..."

Madigan: "...that I will support the Constitution of the United States..."

Justice Greiman: "...and the Constitution of the State of Illinois..."

Madigan: "...and the Constitution of the State of Illinois..."

Justice Greiman: "...and that I will faithfully discharge..."

Madigan: "...and that I will faithfully discharge..."

Justice Greiman: "...the duties of Speaker of the House of Representatives..."

Madigan: "...the duties of the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives..."

Justice Greiman: "...in the Illinois General Assembly..."

Madigan: "...in the Illinois General Assembly..."

Justice Greiman: "...to the best of my ability."

Madigan: "...to the best of my ability."

Justice Greiman: "Your... and you're elected, Mr. Speaker."

Madigan: "Thank you."

Justice Greiman: "Congratulations, again."

Madigan: "Thank you. Again, let me thank everyone. Let me begin with Representative Tom Cross, all the Members of the House

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and all of you who have joined us today. Let me first suggest that all of us join together and congratulate all the newly elected Members of the House of Representatives. Let's give them a proper round of applause. I'd like to begin by thanking and recognizing my family. The woman who has made it possible for me and for four children to have a wonderful life, my wife Shirley; my daughter Lisa, her husband Pat and her daughters Rebecca and Lucy; my daughter Tiffany, her husband Jordan and their child Eliza; my daughter Nicole; and my son Andrew. Let me recognize some dignitaries that have joined us today. From the county of Cook, let us recognize the President of the county board, Toni Preckwinkle. Let us recognize a former State Representative and the father of Representative Toni Berrios, the Assessor of Cook County, Joe Berrios; Former State Representative and now Recorder of Cook County, Karen Yarbrough; Commissioner of the Water Reclamation District, Debra Shore. From the City of Chicago we have four aldermen: first, the alderman of the 13th Ward, Marty Quinn; Marty has with him his daughter Abby. Abby, welcome. Alderman Ray Suarez; father of State Representative Mike Zalewski, Alderman Mike Zalewski; former State Representative and now Alderman, Deborah Graham; from Aurora... we're all living in the 13th Ward, Frank Olivo; from the Chicago Federation of Labor, the President, Jorge Ramirez; Secretary Treasurer, Bob Reiter; former State Representative and now Appellate Court Judge, Mary Kay O'Brien. And I've been reminded we have another former State Representative and now Alderman, Will Burns, Will

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Burns; Mother and father of a current State Representative, Jerry Costello, former Congressman Jerry Costello and Dr. Georgia Costello; the President of the University of Illinois, Bob Easter; the chancellor of this campus of the university, Susan Koch. I plan to offer some brief remarks part concerned with what we've done during the last two years and then the remainder concerned with the really difficult work that lies ahead of us. So, let's begin with the last two years and I think everybody recognizes that the Illinois General Assembly and Legislatures all over the country and the Congress of the United State don't always get rave reviews about what they do. And we recognize that there's always plenty of criticism which is the American way and is... which is the way it should be, but during the last two years during the last Session of the General Assembly, after a long, long struggle, the Legislature and the Governor eliminated the much-maligned legislative scholarship program. During the last year and during the last four years, the Illinois Legislature has taken four pay cuts. We've cut our pay every year for the last four years during the current economic crisis that affects the United States of America. In preparing the state budget, for the second year in a row, spending has been held under a cap established by Resolution adopted in the House of Representatives and adhered to by the Senate and the Governor. That permitted us to reduce the backlog of unpaid bills by over \$1.5 billion. The Governor called upon the Legislature to work with him to stabilize the Illinois Medicaid program because he was estimating that without

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dramatic action the program would run a deficit of over \$3 billion. And working with a group created by the Governor on a bipartisan basis including both the House and the Senate, we enacted major legislation that stabilized the Medicaid program. It provided that the eligibility determination would be taken out of the hands of state workers and put into the hands of a private company; it would be privatized and that is completed. The legislation provided for the reduction in services, eligibility and the reimbursement rate to providers. Same package of legislation provided much needed relief for every hospital in Illinois that provides free care for the poor that just come to the hospital, tell the hospital, I don't have a doctor to go to. I don't have anywhere to go to, but I need medical care. Please give me the medical care and the hospital does it. So, under this legislation, every one of those hospitals will receive credit against their real estate taxes for the charity care rendered by that hospital. Again, the Governor called upon the Legislature to repeal legislation which had provided that for those participating as retirees in the state health care program who pay no premium for their health insurance that the Governor be given the authority to negotiate on that issue in the current negotiations of collective bargaining. And again, on a bipartisan basis support from both Democrats and Republicans that legislation was adopted. The language was removed from the statute and so, the Governor, in his administration today, again, in collective bargaining, are able to negotiate the elimination of the system which

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provides that state retirees pay no premium for health care. The next two issues were personal initiatives of myself, and they concern enterprise zones and the state workers' compensation program. Illinois is a series of enterprise zones; there's about 95. Enterprise zone means that you look at a map of the State of Illinois, you draw some lines on the map. If you happen to land inside the lines, why the business inside those lines in your area receives a great deal of state subsidy assistance, relief on state taxes, if you fall inside the lines. Historically, those lines have been determined by an employee of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, a government bureaucrat and that's been going on for about 20 years or more. I initiated legislation with the strong help of Representative John Bradley, the chair of our Revenue Committee, that provided that going forward, selection of enterprise zones would be put into a competition. So, the next time there's an enterprise zone that expires, the current holder of the zone can apply for renewal but anybody else in the State of Illinois, any other geographic area in the State of Illinois, can apply for that enterprise zone designation which means a great deal of Illinois tax relief. Those two or more will be in competition before the panel. It'd be a open and transparent process and the goal would be for the applicants to prove that their proposal would be of the best benefit the taxpayers of the State of Illinois and to the state itself. Next, the state workers' compensation program. We learned that, in effect, workers' compensation

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for employees of the State of Illinois was a mess. As an example, we determined that about one-third of the workforce had applied for workers' compensation. One-third of the workforce had signed documents that said they'd been injured on the job and they wanted some money 'cause of that injury. At the Mabley Developmental Center alone 98 percent of the workforce at that center had applied for workers' compensation. So, we moved legislation, the Governor signed the legislation that provides that administration of workers' compensation claims by the workers of the State of Illinois will be privatized. The process of selecting the company is well along. It'll be a matter of a few months and that'll be in place so that we can bring some rhyme and reason and intelligence to this determination that a worker of the State of Illinois is entitled to workers' compensation. So, I think we've done much. That's not to say that there's not more to do, because clearly there's a great deal that remains to be done and all of these issues are terribly contentious. Preparing the state budget, we've already mentioned for two consecutive years the House of Representatives has adopted a binding Resolution to put a ceiling or a cap on spending by the State of Illinois. Even under the current budget, which is under a spending restraint, for those who participate in the state health care program, if you work for the state, you're in the health care program. Every Member of the Legislature, if you go to an in network provider today, that provider will be made to wait 385 days to get payment for the services they provide, over one

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year. That's the condition of budget making in the state. And we've already been notified by the state pension systems that the increase in our obligation to those systems will go up by \$850 million for the next budget year; 850 million is not the total amount of the cost. The total amount of the cost is in the billions. The increase will be under certification, \$850 million. That takes us to the most serious problem affecting the State of Illinois today which is the fiscal condition of the sky... five state pension systems. Many Members of the Legislature have worked diligently on attempting to solve the problem with the fiscal condition of the pension systems, Representative Cross being one, Representative Nekritz another, former Representative Biss, now Senator Biss, the same in the Senate. It's an extremely difficult issue because in order to achieve some improvement, in the fiscal condition of these systems, part of the solution would be to tell people that there'll be a change in the promised benefit that they would receive in their pension. So, for anybody that's worked on any kind of a job, whether it's in the public sector or the private sector, they've participated in programs that put money away so they'll have something in retirement; in government jobs, it's a public pension. And every worker in these government jobs gets a notice, sometimes once a month, that tells them exactly the amount of money that they would receive in a pension check were they to retire tomorrow. Well, these proposals would change that number and take it down. That's the difficult part of the issue, but a great deal of good work has been done by

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good Members of the Legislature. That work will continue and I would emphasize the absolutely serious nature of the fiscal condition of these systems. That takes me to another aspect of this which is what I refer to as the free lunch enjoyed by certain employers in the State of Illinois. Every school district outside the City of Chicago for certified teachers only contributes .050 to the pension cost for the teacher that works for the local school district outside the City of Chicago. For a community college district, they pay nothing for the pension costs of all their employees, the professors and the other workers. For the public universities, they pay nothing for everybody, the professors, the workers, whatever it may be. Those costs are picked up by the government of the State of Illinois under appropriation of the Legislature. So, for a government like the government of the State of Illinois, which is suffering through a severe fiscal crisis, there's no question about this, nobody doubts that Illinois is suffering under a severe fiscal crisis, money is being spent by the State Government, the one that's in trouble, for local school districts, community colleges, public universities; serious, serious problem and if we're serious about solving the problem, why, that also must be addressed. So, as we move forward in good faith in the good comradeship, the issues haven't changed that much. The nature of the issues have not changed that much. They remain terribly contentious, terribly divisive, so we have to call upon our inner resolve to dedicate ourselves to the solution of these problems working cooperatively with the

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other Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. And again, let me thank all of you for your vote of confidence in my role as the Speaker of the House. My pledge is the same as it's always been to be a fair... fair-minded Speaker. Some people may not agree with me all the time like Representative Bost, but I still like Representative Bost. He's a good guy. I'd like to... I'd like to announce all but one of the appointments to the Democratic Leadership. So, the Majority Leader will be Representative Barbara Flynn Currie. There will be two Deputy Majority Leaders: Representative Lou Lang, Representative Frank Mautino. There will be six assistant Majority Leaders: Representative Edward Acevedo, Representative Chuck Jefferson, Representative Dan Burke, Representative Sara Feigenholtz, Representative Al Riley. For the second time, Representative Arthur Turner. The position of Majority Conference Chair will be filled at a later date. At this time, the Chair recognizes Representative Cross for remarks."

Cross: "Hello, everybody. I know it's late. I'll keep my comments short. I know we've all been here quite awhile. I want to congratulate, like everybody else has, all the Members of the new General Assembly on both sides of the aisle, both to your election victory and the swearing in. This is an exciting day and for those that are new, it's very, very exciting; for those that have been here awhile, we should never take for granted the opportunity to serve and the fact that we're elected to an incredible Body and serving in a great state. Also, I want to say thank you to

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my colleagues on the Republican side of the aisle that trusted in me the ability and the position of House Republican Leader. I take it very seriously. It's an honor. It's a privilege and I thank JoAnn and I thank Patti and I thank John and Mike for your endorsements and your speeches today. And Patti Bellock, as a big Sox fan, I actually love the Cub blue and it really, really looks good on you. Congratulations. And you get surprised every day of the year. I want to also say thanks to all of you here today. You're here in some capacity as a friend, as a supporter, as a family member and public service has become more and more of a sacrifice. It's not easy and what these folks do on a day-to-day basis requires your support. They sacrifice and so do you. And we very much appreciate all of your support and we really need to say to all of you thank you very, very much. We're very lucky. Let me just acknowledge my family. You heard from my dad with his prayer and my mom is also here. Mom, where are you? You're up in the balcony, Ruth Cross. My mom is a teacher... former teacher, principal and assistant superintendent, still working, involved in social and emotional learning and I don't believe she's called anybody's office about pension reform, at least not that I'm aware of. She hasn't called mine, so I appreciate that. My brothers are here and I think they're up there as well. And then I want to acknowledge my wife, Genie, where are you? Genie Cross. So, Genie, thank you. We have a 19-year-old daughter, Reynolds and a 16-year-old son, Hudson, who could not be here today. One's in school and the other's in school, but what do 19- and 16-year-olds do in

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this day and age. They did text their father and said congratulations. So, I very much appreciate that. I... bear with me for just a second... I have a University of Alabama tie on. And I'm wearing the Alabama tie because... not because the Speaker's on the other side cheering for Notre Dame and he knows that, we talked, but my wife who is smiling today, not because we're getting sworn in, but because she went to the University of Alabama and has been cheering and glowing and very happy since Satur... Monday night. So, Genie, I hope you like the tie. Roll Tide. I could hear her when I was in Springfield cheering up in Oswego. She was so loud during the game. But today is a great day. It's a day of celebration and it's a day we should enjoy. We should revel in it and... and remember all that you did to get here and be very thankful, but tomorrow begins a new day. It begins two years of a General Assembly that will face immense issues, incredibly difficult issues as you heard today, but not only the folks that nominated the Speaker and myself and also from the Speaker, but we're facing challenges as a state that we probably haven't seen as a General Assembly since the Great Depression, incredibly difficult issues that are going to take incredibly bold ideas and incredibly bold solutions. We've talked over the last year about the need to do real change... make real change and not nibble around the edges. You often hear of the term, and maybe we hear it more on our side, but it's a term that people use over and over again, of family values. I'll tell you for me what a family value issue is right now is, and I take this as a... from and a

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personal... from a personal side, is making sure we have a state that people want to live in, want to stay in, want to come to and most particularly, I want it to be a state where my kids want to go away to school, if they do and come back and live with their... near their mom and dad. And right now, we're a state that's struggling. And I'm not so sure that that's, at the moment, a place where people want to be and that's a shame. It's a state I love; it's a state everybody up on this stage loves and it's a state, I suspect, all of you cherish and want it to prosper and be vital again. The goals of this caucus will be, over the next two years, to restore the state to the fiscal spot it needs to be. We heard some of the things that we did today, but if you think about where we are as a state and where we need to be, we have a lot to do. Some of things discussed today of... that need to be done, we talked about two years ago and they haven't gotten done. Imagine if, for a second, if you were at your kitchen table and trying to sort through all of the things we have to do as a state. On one pile, you have to acknowledge the fact that we have 8 to 9 billion dollars of bills that we haven't paid, 8 to 9 billion dollars. In another pile, someone's come along and said to us we have over \$90 billion of unfunded pension liability. In another pile, we have over \$40 billion of health care unfunded liability. We... in another pile, we have a budget that's still... while we've done some good things over the last couple of years... still is not stable as stable as what we... as where we'd like it to be. And we have unemployment at over 8 percent. Very, very real issues

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that need very, very real solutions. And as the Speaker said, the biggest of them all is pensions, the most difficult conversation you could ever have. It's uncomfortable; it's unpleasant; people get angry and say what are you doing changing the rules and with good reason at times. What you need to understand and we need to understand and accept the fact that if we do nothing variety of not so good things happen. We have a budget of about \$33 billion, and we will spend between 7 and 8 billion this year on pension-related items. Next year, as you heard, that goes up. So, if you're a school district, if you're a developmental disability facility, if you provide substance abuse, if you want to change... build the roads that you want in your community, we can't do that any more. We have to cut back. And it gets worse every year when we put this off. Businesses are leaving the State of Illinois 'cause we've failed to take on the challenge of this issue and make the tough choices that we need to do. If you're a teacher or you're a retired state worker or a retired university person, think of the uncertainty going on in your life right now. You may not like some of those suggestions, but to not fix this causes anger and angst and uncertainty for you. So, that issue coupled with many others require us to be strong, to be courageous, to be bold and do our best to put a lot... put aside the political consequences of very, very tough choices. I'd like to suggest and.. as I close here, to our new Members an observation or several observations. We will... you will go, as will we, through a variety of emotional experiences over

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the next two years. There'll be some good days. You'll pass a Bill. It might be because you worked really hard; it might be for a reason you don't even know. A Bill may die because of something you did and... or maybe something you didn't do. And there'll be good days and there'll be bad days. It's the beauty and the frustration of the General Assembly. And then there are going to be days where it's incredibly difficult because the issues are so complex to figure out what you should do and you're going to say, I'm lost. I'm confused; why am I here. I would look across the stage, up and down, and think about the incredibly gifted people we have in the Illinois General Assembly. So, if you say to yourself, I really want to get a handle on pensions, go see Elaine Nekritz or Darlene Senger, two great, bright people who've worked very, very hard. You are concerned about Medicaid, you should be, and when the Federal Government gets involved, it'll change the dynamics. Go see Patti Bellock, bright, capable, will give you as much time and attention as you ever want to know. When that business person calls you and says, I'm thinking about leaving the State of Illinois. I'm angry; I'm frustrated. Go see Dwight Kay. He runs a business. He can tell you what it's like with the taxation policies we have, the workers' compensation system, the tort system, the regulatory system, the permitting system and will tell you what it takes to get this state, from a business standpoint, on the right track. Social service issues, mental health issues, David Leitch is the best. Sara Feigenholtz. They spend a lot of time on those types of issues. We have great

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universities and we have great people representing universities whether it's Norine Hammond, Dan Brady, Bob Pritchard. They've got a lot to offer you and a gift of understanding some very complex issues. And the list goes on and on. Frank Mautino knows the budget. Jim Sa... Jim Sacia, John Cabello, Dennis Reboletti know the Criminal Code. We've got so much experience in this Body, so much compassion, so much interest of doing the right thing. Utilize that, utilize that. So, in closing, Mr. Speaker, congratulations to you, again, we roll up our sleeves or will roll up our sleeves. We want to work with you. We really want to work with you in a real way, a comprehensive way, a bold way to take Illinois to the place we know it can be and where it needs to be. Thank you very, very much. He asked me to reconsider the vote for Speaker, but I'm not going to right now. That's a joke. It's a joke."

Speaker Madigan: "We can still change your..."

Cross: "No, I don't... I could change my vote, but I'd get in trouble, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to... I'm going to announce our Leadership team. We so... we have continuing as the Republican Caucus Chair, Mike Bost. Mike, congratulations. Our two Deputy Leaders, they do a great job: Tim Schmitz and David Leitch, Tim and David. And then, we have Assistant Republican Leaders: JoAnn Osmond. JoAnn. Dan Brady. Thanks, Dan. Not to be confused with the other Brady. Jim Durkin. Jim, thank you. Renée Kosel. The newest addition to a Cub family, Patti Bellock. Patti. And Representative Bill Mitchell. Bill, congratulations."

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Speaker Madigan: "The next order of business is the election of the Chief Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Doorkeeper for the 89th General Assembly. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the suspension of all applicable House Rules so that we can immediately consider House Resolutions 1, 2 and 3."

Speaker Madigan: "We've all heard the Lady's Motion. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the adoption of House Resolution 1, a Resolution for the election of Timothy D. Mapes as Chief Clerk, Bradley S. Bolin as Assistant Clerk, and Lee A. Crawford as Doorkeeper. The Resolutions are on the Clerk's desk."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Provisional Clerk, read the Resolution."

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "House Resolution 1.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the following Officers are hereby elected for the term of the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly:

Timothy D. Mapes: as Chief Clerk of the House

Bradley S. Bolin: as Assistant Clerk of the House

Lee A. Crawford: as Doorkeeper of the House."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady has moved the adoption of House Resolution 1. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Pursuant

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to House Resolution 1 the Chair declares Timothy D. Mapes elected as the Chief Clerk of the House for the 98th General Assembly. Bradley Bolin is declared elected as the Assistant Clerk of the House for the 98th General Assembly. Lee A. Crawford is declared elected as the Doorkeeper of the House for the 98th General Assembly. Do these gentlemen accept the offices to which they have been elected?"

Provisional Clerk Mapes: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Madigan: "They're all nodding their heads yes. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie is recognized to offer another Resolution."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move the adoption of House Resolution 2 to direct the Clerk to inform the Senate that the House is organized."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady has moved the adoption of House Resolution 2. This is the traditional notification to the other chamber that this Body is prepared to do the people's business. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie is recognized to offer another Resolution."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move the Re... the adoption of House Resolution 3 which would appoint a committee to attend the Governor to inform him that we are organized and that we await any communication he might wish to share with us."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady has moved the adoption of House Resolution 3. This is another traditional ceremonial procedure. Without objection, we can take both Motions on one vote. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And

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House Resolutions 2 and 3 are adopted. Will the Members and their guests please stand for the benediction which will be offered by Father Michael Caruso, President of St. Ignatius College Preparatory in Chicago."

Father Caruso: "Today our school community joins you in offering its prayer and join us... join you in solidarity asking for this blessing upon you. Today we call upon the divine providence of Almighty God recalling the sacred text about Solomon who was to assume the leadership of God's people. At night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, whatever you ask I will give you. Solomon responded give me therefore wisdom and knowledge to govern this people for otherwise who could rule this vast people of Yours. God then replied to Solomon, because this has been your wish you did not ask for riches, treasures, and glory or the life of those who hate you or even a long life for yourself, but you have asked for wisdom and knowledge in order to rule my people over whom I have made you king. Wisdom and knowledge are given you. Almighty God, we pray in the spirit of gratitude for these brave men and women who have stepped forward to guide and govern Your people of this great State of Illinois. We know that this Legislature will tackle challenges in vexing problems that seem unsolvable. Send Your wisdom and light to each elected official that each may use his or her unique gifts. In the midst of conflict and division, we know it is You who turn our minds to thoughts of collegiality. Your spirit of reconciliation changes our hearts. Adversaries begin to speak to one another. Those who are estranged join hands

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across Party lines and aisles in friendship. And all of us who are Your sons and daughters seek the way of peace together. Your spirit is at work when understanding puts an end to strife, when hatred is quenched by mercy and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. For this, we should never cease to thank and praise You. And so, good and loving God, bestow the gifts of wisdom, insight and reconciliation and may the words of one of Your holy men give us strength in all our undertakings. Do not look at life's change... challenges in fear but embrace them with hope. Ask for the grace to perceive God's presence at work in the events of each day. Since God has led you to this point, be confident to continue your journey with him. God will lead you safely through all things. And if you should no longer have the strength to stand, be assured that He will bear you gently in His arms. Your heavenly Father, who cares for you today, will certainly care for you tomorrow. Either God will shield you from suffering or He will give you the strength to bear whatever comes. So, be at peace and put aside anxious thoughts and troubled imaginings. Finally, Oh God, we thank You for this great country and the freedoms we enjoy. We thank You for sending us these Leaders to guide Your people. We thank You and we praise You. And we ask You to bless this House and may God bless America, Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We have one more Motion. And Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, January 10 at the hour of 9 a.m, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say

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'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned until Thursday, January 10, 9 a.m., following perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning alternative treatment for serious diseases causing chronic pain and debilitating conditions. House Bill 2, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 3, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning persons who are racial minorities. House Bill 6, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 7, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. House Bill 8, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 9, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 10, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 11, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 12, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 13, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 14, offered by

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Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 15, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 16, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 17, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 18, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 19, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 20, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 21, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 22, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 23, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 24, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 25, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 26, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 27, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 28, offered by Representative Mitchell, Bill, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 29, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 30, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 31, offered by Representative Franks,

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a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 32, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 33, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 34, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 35, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 36, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 37, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 38, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 39, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 40, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 41, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 42, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 43, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 44, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 45, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 46, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 47, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 48, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 49, offered by

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Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 50, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 51, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 52, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 53, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 54, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 55, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 56, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 57, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 58, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 59, offered by Representative Hays, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 60, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 61, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 62, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 63, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 64, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 65, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 66, offered by Representative Thapedi, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 67, offered by

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Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 68, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 69, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 70, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 71, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 72, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 73, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 74, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 75, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 76, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 77, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 78, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 79, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 80, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 81, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 82, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 83, offered by Representative Burke, Daniel, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 84, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning public

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health. House Bill 85, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 86, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 87, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 88, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill... House Bill 89, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 90, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 91, offered by Representative McSweeney, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 92, offered by Representative McSweeney, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 93, offered by Representative McSweeney, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 94, offered by Representative McSweeney, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 95, offered by Representative McSweeney, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 96, offered by Representative Thapedi, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 97, offered by Representative Meier, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. House Bill 98, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Hollman: "Introduction of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1, offered by Representative Lang.

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH 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

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.

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(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.

(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.

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- (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 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 the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #2, offered by Representative Jakobsson.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH 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 IX of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 3 as follows:

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ARTICLE IX

REVENUE

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON INCOME TAXATION

(a) A tax on or measured by individual income may be at a graduated or a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations. Any such tax imposed on corporations shall be at a non-graduated rate. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the rate shall not exceed the average of the lowest and highest rates imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.

(b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is imposed.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was the Second.. First Reading, of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #2. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."