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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Father Terry Cassidy, who is with the Saint Ann's Catholic Church in Peoria, Illinois. Father Cassidy is the guest of Representative Unes. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Father Cassidy: "Father, God, You invite all to come to You with their concerns and their burdens. We ask now for Your healing hand upon our State of Illinois, our Governor and our State Representatives as they open this 98th General Assembly. Touch their hearts to serve You with compassion and especially on those, they have been given to serve as the Representatives in this office and especially those who cannot care for themselves or are lost through the cracks of poorly constructive laws as well as those who feel forsaken and... or felt abandoned by our state. Touch our Representatives' voices to speak with courage, to make tough decisions that may not be popular or politically correct in order to keep our state safe. And may the values of our state which were founded on the principles of our leaders like Abraham Lincoln who said that a government divided among themselves shall fall; however, one that is united will stand in strength for years to come. So, Lord, unite the minds of this great Assembly with Your wisdom that they may reach out to others to solve their needs for all the people of Illinois, to bridge the gaps of their own political Parties when needed or necessary in order to

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resolve our state's problems, so that our problems may become heroic challenges so as to lead us out of debt, uncertain chaos and fear itself. And lead them to a clear and achievable vision for our state, with a balance and secure future where our state may become an example for others to look to for a vision. And then finally, touch gently their lives which You have created, bring them health in body, mind, and soul. And so to serve You in a sprit with all their strength and give them the knowledge to follow the principles for which this country was founded and that we are one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all. We ask this in Your name, now and forever, Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Ford."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Roll call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the lack of any excused absences among House Democrats today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Kosel es... excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 117 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on March 05, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2393; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 982. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on March 05, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2427; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 2232. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on March 05, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2361; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 8. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on March 06, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2428; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 2245. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on March 06, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1538, House Bill 2275; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 1, House Bill 2423; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 5, House Resolution 47, House Resolution 59, House Resolution 72, House Resolution 73, House Resolution 76. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on the Judiciary

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reports the following committee action taken on March 06, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1281, House Bill 2269, House Bill 2360. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on March 06, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1593-1742, 1744-2044, 2159-2210. House Bills 216-742 and 744-941. House Bill 1486, House Bill 1570, House Bill 1589, House Bill 2311, House Bill 2370, House Bill 2418; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 743, House Bill 1330. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on March 06, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1568, House Bill 2310, House Bill 2372, House Bill 2411; do pass Standard Debate is House Bill 2413; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 86, House Bill 1581; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 12. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on March 06, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1546. Introduction of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution #24 is offered by Representative Hoffman. This is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Bellock. Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Bellock: "Thank you. I'd just like to announce to the women of the House, again, that the National Organization of Women

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in Government has flown here to meet the women of our House and Senate. They'll be over at the Pasfield House from 5:00 to 7:00 tonight and they'd love to have you come over and join them. Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Sandack: "Thank you, Sir. I just want to give a House welcome to some friends of mine from the west... western Dupage Chamber, the Elmhurst Chamber, and the Downers Grove Chamber. If they'd rise so we could they a round of applause, I'd be appreciative."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Hurley."

Hurley: "Point of... point of personal privilege."

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Hurley: "Thank you. The Freshmen '98 Caucus will have their first meeting tonight at Gabatoni's at 6:30 p.m."

Speaker Madigan: "The regular Session will stand in recess. The doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Honorable President Cullerton and the Members of the Senate are at the door and seek admission to the chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper, please admit the Honorable Senators. As designated in House Joint Resolution 14, the hour of 12 having... 12 noon having arrived, the Joint Session of the 98th General Assembly will now come to order. Will the Members of the House and our guests from

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the Senate please take their seats. Mr. Clerk, is a quorum of the House present."

Clerk Hollman: "A quorum of the House is present."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. President, is a quorum of the Senate present in this chamber?"

President Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A quorum of the Senate is present."

Speaker Madigan: "There being a quorum of the House and a quorum of Senate in roll call-Attendance Roll Call, this Joint Session is convened. We need all Members to take their seats and stop the conversations. Judy Topinka. Judy Topinka. Judy Topinka, please take your seat. We need all Members to take their seats and to end the conversations. All Members please take your seats. All Members please take your seats. We now... we wish to acknowledge... We need your attention, please. I wish to acknowledge the presence of certain dignitaries who have joined us today. First, from the Governor's Office, Mr. Jack Lavin, Chief of Staff to the Governor; Jerry Stermer, Senior Advisor to the Governor; Gary Hannig, former Member of House, Legislative Director; The Lt. Governor, Sheila Simon; the Attorney General, Lisa Madigan; Secretary of State Jesse White; the Comptroller, Judy Baar Topinka; the Treasurer, Dan Rutherford; the Auditor General, Bill Holland; Superintendent of Education, Chris Koch; Chair of the Illinois Arts Council, Shirley Madigan. Chair recognizes the Majority Leader Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the immediate consideration and adoption of Joint Session Resolution 2."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read Joint Session Resolution #2."

Clerk Hollman: "Joint Session Resolution #2

RESOLVED, That a committee of ten be appointed, five from the House, by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate, by the President of the Senate, to wait upon his Excellency Governor Patrick J. Quinn and invite him to address the Joint Assembly.

Representative Luis Arroyo

Representative William Davis

Representative Kenneth Dunkin

Representative Donald Moffitt

Representative Robert Pritchard

Senator Melinda Bush

Senator Bill Cunningham

Senator Mattie Hunter

Senator Michael Connelly

Senator Chapin Rose."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie has moved for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to the Resolution the following are appointed as a committee to escort the Governor. The appointments from the House would be: Representative Arroyo, Representative Will Davis, Representative Dunkin, Representative Don Moffitt, Representative Bob Pritchard."

President Cullerton: "The appointments from the Senate are Senator Melinda Bush, Senator Bill Cunningham, Senator

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Mattie Hunter, Senator Michael Connelly, and Senator Chapin Rose."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escort please convene at the rear of the chamber and await his Excellency the Governor. The Doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, The Honorable Governor of the State of Illinois, Patrick J. Quinn and his party wish to be admitted to this chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "Admit the Honorable Governor. Mr. Governor."

Governor Quinn: "Well, thank you. President Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, Leaders Radogno and Cross, Lt. Governor Simon, Attorney General Madigan, Secretary White, Comptroller Topinka, Treasurer Rutherford, Members of the General Assembly, distinguished guests and fellow citizens of Illinois, good afternoon. Before I begin, I want to salute one of Illinois's greatest citizens. Yesterday, we lost an outstanding public servant, Dawn Clark Netsch. Dawn was a champion for equal rights for all people. As the first woman elected to a state constitutional office in our state, Comptroller Netsch blazed a trail for women in public office. I witnessed firsthand her dedication to honest government when we served together as State Treasurer and Comptroller in the 1990s. Dawn was a straight shooter. She always told the people of Illinois what they needed to know. Throughout her life, Dawn Clark Netsch taught us the right way to move forward in our democracy. We are all grateful for her purposeful life. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm here today to submit our budget for Fiscal



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Year 2014. This is the most difficult budget I have ever submitted to you, but it is also an honest budget that reflects our fiscal challenges, pays down the backlog of bills and addresses funds that have been underappropriated for too long. There are no gimmicks or fake numbers in this budget. This budget holds the line on discretionary spending, while fully meeting our skyrocketing pension obligations. Inaction on comprehensive pension reform has left our state with less revenue for our most important priorities. Without pension reform, within two years, Illinois will be spending more on public pensions than on education. As I said to you a year ago, our state cannot continue on this path. Pension reform is hard, but we've done hard things before. Since I took the oath of office four years ago, we've taken many hard steps to enact many difficult reforms to restore fiscal stability to Illinois. Despite the worst recession since the Great Depression and a greater demand for services than ever before, we've reduced spending to historic lows. Our discretionary spending in this budget is about \$16 billion. We're spending less today on the operations we control than we did six years ago. Since taking office, I have reduced discretionary spending more than any Governor in recent memory. We've closed and consolidated 54 expensive state facilities to save taxpayers more than \$100 million a year. And closing those facilities has not only saved money, it was also good policy. When I took office, Illinois had 1,330 young people in juvenile detention centers. Today we have 857. Our community-based rehabilitation strategies are

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working. They are reducing our juvenile population and helping more young offenders choose a better path. When I took office, Illinois institutionalized more people with disabilities and mental health challenges than any state in the union. Since then, we've closed several institutions. We've invested more in community care, which provides a better quality of life and more independence for people with disabilities. Last year, I asked you to work with my administration to restructure our Medicaid program, which was on the brink of collapse. We got that done, significantly reducing liability for taxpayers. We are moving toward coordinated care and lower health care costs. And we need to stay the course. In fact, every year since I've taken office, we've taken steps to make our government more efficient and smarter. That includes not only Medicaid restructuring and fewer state facilities, but also reduced office space. We've consolidated and eliminated lease space, saving more than \$50 million a year and reducing lease space by more than 2 million square feet. Under Budgeting for Results, which we passed together in 2010, we carefully review each state agency every year. We ask what can we do better? What are we doing well? How can we do more with less? And this week, I'm issuing an Executive Order to officially eliminate or consolidate 75 boards and commissions to increase efficiency. These boards were either dormant, entirely redundant, or their work had been completed. And last week, we reached an important contract agreement with our public employees union, AFSCME, which represents 35 thousand state employees. After 15 hard

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months at the bargaining table, we reached a landmark agreement... a three-year agreement that will save Illinois taxpayers more than \$900 million in health care costs over the life of the contract. That is unprecedented. None of the last four gubernatorial administrations were able to achieve this kind of savings for our taxpayers. Unlike prior administrations, we did not give in. We kept working and working and it worked. This contract is good for our dedicated public employees and it's good for all the taxpayers of Illinois. Budget reductions, facility closures, Medicaid restructuring, and the proposed collective bargaining agreement have all required hard work, but each has brought us closer to restoring fiscal stability to Illinois. And we have more hard work to do. It won't surprise you that the hard work starts with public pension reform. On April 14 of 2010, I signed into law Senate Bill 1946, which significantly reformed our public pension system for new employees. This law is creating billions in long-term savings for Illinois taxpayers. National conservative columnist George Will called that law an earthquake, a seismic event, but that major reform seems like ancient history today because, as you know, our mission now is to reform our public pension system for all employees, current and former. Today, our budget is being squeezed more than ever and that will continue until we stop it. The most important thing we can do to repair Illinois's finances, right now, is to reform our public pension systems. Last week, in my office, I met with all four Legislative Leaders: President Cullerton, Speaker

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Madigan, Leader Radogno, and Leader Cross and our first item of discussion was pension reform. Thank you, Leaders, for expressing your desire to do something about this crisis. I've worked with many of you on pension reform over the past year. There have been many good ideas, many proposals, many Bills, yet there has been no vote on a comprehensive pension reform Bill. I'm ready to sign that Bill. Now, there are fundamental elements that should be part of pension reform. First, there must be a firm guarantee that the State of Illinois will pay its full pension amount every year. I've done that since I've been Governor, but that did not happen under previous Governors and Legislatures. They shorted the pension fund and shirked their responsibility. That's why we have a pension crisis today. As you know, to make up for that failure, we've had to issue two pension obligation notes under my administration. The debt service on these notes will expire in 2020. Once these notes expire, all of that revenue, nearly \$1 billion annually, should be dedicated to the unfunded pension liability. In addition, employees should adjust their own contributions to their pensions. A few weeks ago, I attended a summit called by representatives of public employees and I listened to them and I was pleased that they volunteered to raise their employee contribution to help resolve the pension crisis. This offer should be part of the solution. And the State of Illinois, as employer, should also consider additional solutions to break the gridlock. For example, any enhancement that we enact to gaming revenues this year should be dedicated to

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education, which could include teachers' pensions. Of course, gaming expansion has to be done right. It must have tough ethical standards, a campaign contribution ban on casino operators, and no loopholes for mobsters. Finally... finally, we cannot turn to our taxpayers to repair the pension problem. There should be adjustments to pension benefits to fundamentally resolve this crisis. These adjustments should include reforms to the pension cost-of-living adjustment. The COLA is currently 3 percent compounded annually. That's unsustainable for taxpayers. For those with higher pensions, the cost-of-living adjustment should be suspended until the entire pension system achieves better balance. The basic pension amount that has already been accrued by our current and former employees should not be touched. But the pension reform solution should include cost of living adjustments going forward. We all know that we must reform the Illinois public pension system. So, Members of the General Assembly, what are you waiting for? I know this issue requires a hard vote, but every day you wait to vote on this matter, the problem gets worse. It is costing taxpayers an additional \$17 million a day. Illinois taxpayers are losing patience with your lack of action. If I could issue an Executive Order to resolve the pension crisis, I would. And I would have done it a long time ago, but democracy requires action by the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch. It's time for you to legislate. So take the vote. Send me a comprehensive pension reform Bill and together, let's move Illinois forward. By the way, the hard work ahead isn't

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just pension reform. It's paying down the backlog of bills caused by decades of financial mismanagement. Over the past four years, we've been able to reduce the amount we owe and by the end of the next fiscal year, we will have reduced the backlog of bills by nearly \$2 billion, but there's much more work to do and that's why today I propose a plan to further pay down the state's backlog of bills. Over the next 12 weeks, we should work together to enact legislation that suspends unnecessary corporate tax loopholes and dedicates the resulting revenue to a new Bill Payment Trust Fund. For example, we should suspend the Foreign Dividend corporate loophole. We should also join other states that have decoupled from the Federal Production Activities loophole. And we should suspend the Non-Combination Rule that allows big corporations to shift their income to locations outside of Illinois. Together, these three loopholes alone cost our Treasury about \$445 million per year. Suspending corporate loopholes like these, until the bills are paid, will be good for our vendors and good for our economy. The more corporate loopholes we suspend, the faster we can pay down our bills. Why should we give costly, ineffective loopholes to some of the biggest and most profitable corporations on earth, when we have bills to pay? As elected officials, we should also do our part to pay down the bills. That's why I've reduced my office budget every year since I've taken office and this year I'm reducing it by another 5 percent and I'm dedicating these savings to pay down the bills. And I ask our other constitutional officers and the General Assembly to do the

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same with your office budgets: 5 percent savings to pay down the bills. Of course, the best way to a better budget is to grow our economy. In the last three years, Illinois has added 167 thousand private sector jobs. And Illinois ranks fifth in the nation for recent manufacturing job creation. Our Illinois Jobs Now! Program has paved the way for economic growth. Over the last three years, through this public works initiative, we have built or repaired 6,754 miles of roads and 1,082 bridges. We've laid 3,029 miles of broadband fiber. And we're building, repairing, or expanding 561 schools, putting thousands of people to work. To date, we've invested \$294 million in Clean Water projects from Chicago to Murphysboro, which will put hundreds of men and women to work improving our water systems. And we're ready to do more. Several weeks ago, I signed a Bill that you sent me, an additional \$700 million investment this year in our roads and bridges all across Illinois. The letting process will begin this month on this highway initiative, just in time for the spring construction season. In addition to our roads and bridges, we'll put our Jump Start initiative back in motion to invest a half billion dollars for public transit in northeastern Illinois. Public works investment like this will continue to drive our economy forward. More and more businesses are choosing Illinois to grow and invest. Site Selection magazine just completed its national survey, ranking Illinois as the fifth best location in the country for new and expanded corporate facilities. To revoke... promote more economic progress, we also need to move full-

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speed ahead on implementing the Affordable Care Act. By so doing, we will create thousands of good health care jobs, even as we extend health coverage to more working people in Illinois. Thank you, Members of the Senate, for voting last week to make sure Illinois reaps the benefits of the Affordable Care Act. Also, hydraulic fracturing, commonly called fracking, is coming to Illinois with the strongest environmental regulations in the nation. This legislation has the potential to create thousands of jobs in downstate Illinois. It will also ensure that our natural resources are protected for future generations. Let's move forward on this jobs Bill this year. We've worked to balance our budget, and we're working to grow our economy, but in the meantime, we have the reality of this year's budget. In the last four years, we have reduced discretionary spending to historic lows. We've made our government leaner and more efficient, but with each year's budget, we've also absorbed reductions that were very difficult. Skyrocketing pension obligations leave our state with no choice but to continue reductions to our core priorities. These are significant reductions in our budget that I do not want to make and that none of you will want to make either. These reductions are the direct result of the General Assembly's lack of action on public pension reform. Our pension obligations have squeezed out funding for core services. And every day that passes without pension reform, the problem gets worse. That reality is very clear in the budget I submit to you today. But what's also clear are the areas we have been able to preserve funding, despite the significant pressure



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of pension costs. Especially in difficult budgets, we must have priorities. That's why I have preserved investment in early childhood education. You only get to be 4 years old once and research shows that the achievement gap begins before a child steps foot in kindergarten. We cannot leave our youngest behind because of a lack of political courage on hard issues, not if we're going to ensure that every child has a chance. High-quality, early childhood education provides one of the highest returns of any public investment, more than \$7 for every dollar spent. These are tough times, but early childhood education for the youngest among us must be a top priority. I have also reserved... preserved investment in MAP scholarships for Illinois college students who are in financial need. Access to higher education is fundamental to a student's earning potential and career path. The average college graduate makes 75 percent more than the average high school graduate. And the U.S. Department of Labor estimates that most of the 30 fastest-growing jobs in the nation will require education beyond high school. Scholarships for needy college students are an investment that Illinois can't afford to cut. Another area that we can't afford to cut is services for our veterans. It is the duty of all of us on the home front to take good care of those who have borne the battle. My budget includes increased funding for our veterans' homes. This will meet the staffing requirements of the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act that the General Assembly recently enacted. And it will ensure that we meet the care needs of more than 900 veterans in our

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homes who have served our nation when we needed them most. Our budget also preserves funding for our veteran service offices and our health care, including mental health care, for our veterans. In fact, mental health care for all who need it is a top priority, so our budget includes an additional \$25 million investment to improve mental health in Illinois. Now finally, the prevention of violence is an urgent priority that we all share. Despite difficult reductions elsewhere, this budget supports a comprehensive approach to taking on violence. Our anti-violence strategy includes early childhood education, after-school programs, intervention initiatives, mentorship, jobs, and support for our law enforcement. Our State Police are part of our battle against violence. That's why our budget supports three new cadet classes for the Illinois State Police. Our budget also expands Redeploy, our successful program to reduce crime by repeat offenders. Through targeted investments in programs like these, we are doing our part to tackle the violence epidemic in Chicago and elsewhere in Illinois. Now, these are the bright spots, the few priorities we've been able to protect despite hard fiscal reality, but there are too many priorities that have been cut to the bone due to inaction on pension reform. This is the most difficult budget Illinois has ever faced. And it is only a preview of the pain that is to come if this General Assembly does not act decisively on comprehensive pension reform. I have laid out principles that should guide the reform effort. And I will continue to work with your Leadership and Members of this Legislature to make

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pension reform the law of the land. I stand ready to sign comprehensive pension reform immediately, today, but I cannot sign what I do not have on my desk. The people of Illinois need your immediate action. This year's budget is a tough pill to swallow, but it's only managing the symptoms of a grievous condition that threatens the fiscal health of our state. If we are to ensure a bright future for the people of Illinois, we must cure this condition. We must enact fundamental pension reform. And so I ask you, as our greatest President Abraham Lincoln asked in this year's film, shall we stop this bleeding? Let's get the job done. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escort please come forward to escort the Governor from the chamber. The President of the Senate is recognized for a Motion."

President Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the Joint Session do now arise."

Speaker Madigan: "The President of the Senate has moved that the Joint Session do now arise. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Joint Session will now arise. The regular Session will come to order. Representative Lang in the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. The House will be in order. The House will be in order. On page 2 of the calendar under the order of House Bills-Second Reading, appears House Bill 22, Representative Flowers. Representative Flowers. Out of the record. House Bill 77, Mr. Ford. Mr. Ford. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 77, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Ford, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I move to adopt Amendment #1 to House Bill 77. The Amendment now brings Illinois into lines with the Federal Government. It only applies to Chicago. I move for the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 83, Representative Dan Burke. Mr. Burke. Out of the record. House Bill 163, Representative Osmond. Out of the record. House Bill 198, Representative Osmond. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill... House Bill 198, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 962, Mr. Thapedi. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 962, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 989, Mr. Reis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 989, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1003, Representative Hammond. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1003, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1017, Representative Feigenholtz. Representative Feigenholtz. Out of the record. House Bill 1022, Representative Walsh. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1022, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1041, Mr. Tryon. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1041, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. On page 5 of the calendar House Bill 1201, Representative Sosnowski, out of the record. House Bill 1233, Mr. Sacia. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1233, a Bill for an act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous

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day. No Committee Amendments, no Floor Amendments, no Motions were filed."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take that out of the record. House Bill 1256, Representative Gordon. Representative Gordon. Out of the record. House Bill 1295, Mr. Riley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1295, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Riley, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley."

Riley: "Thank you. Floor Amendment #1 essentially just has some technical changes. There were some drafting problems with the Bill. Essentially that's all it does."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1346, Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1346, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1349, Mr. Schmitz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1349, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1351, Mr. Poe. Mr. Poe. Out of the record. Oh, Mr. Poe is over here. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1351, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1370, Representative Hernandez. Representative Hernandez. Out of the record. House Bill 1388, Mr. Zalewski. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1388, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1389, Leader Turner. Do you wish to move your Bill, Sir? Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1389, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1404, Mr. Bradley. Mr. Bradley. Out of the record. House Bill 1443, Mr. Moylan. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1443, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Returning briefly to House Bill 1370, Representative Hernandez. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1370, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1444, Mr. Zalewski. Read the Bill, please."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1444, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1453, Representative Kelly Burke. Representative Kelly Burke. Out of the record. House Bill 1455, Representative Pihos. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1455, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1458, Representative Hernandez, 1458. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1458, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1461, Mr. D'Amico. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1461, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No



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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1517, Mr. Acevedo. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1517, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1522, Mr. Fortner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1522, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1529, Mr. Brauer. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1529, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1534, Mr. Unes. Mr. Unes. Out of the record. Members, we're proceeding to page 7 on the Calendar, House Bills Third-Reading. We'll go down the list for the approved Bills. Please Members, be ready when your Bill is called. The first Bill is House Bill 61, Mr. Ford. Out of the record. Representative Flowers, House Bill 141. Out of the record. Representative Gabel, House Bill 188. Out of the record. Leader Currie for Speaker

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Madigan on House Bill 1... 193. Out of the record. House Bill 1283, Representative Senger. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1283, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Senger."

Senger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1283, basically amends the five retirement systems to say that an actuarial study instead of required now once every five years, has to be once done once every three years. This is a good thing because it gives us a better feel for what changes are happening in regards to how long one lives or anything else that's changing in regards to the actuaries. This Bill was passed last year, but it got caught in the Senate. And I asked for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A parliamentary inquiry."

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

Franks: "I'm not sure that our computers are working, at least on the Democratic side. The current Bills are not popping up and I don't know... I know a number of us in our row have this issue. I don't know if other ones have that issue. And I just wanted to know if that can be fixed?"

Speaker Lang: "We'll send someone over to your row, Sir."

Franks: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "But you can still pull up this Bill if you wish, correct?"

Franks: "Yeah, through the... well, we can..."

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Speaker Lang: "All right."

Franks: "But I want... I want..."

Speaker Lang: "Do you have any questions of the sponsor on this Bill?"

Franks: "Yes, I do, just briefly."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Franks: "Representative, this is the same Bill that we passed unanimously last year, correct?"

Senger: "That is correct."

Franks: "Do we know why this never got called in the Senate?"

Senger: "I do not know why, but I did not hear any objections to it."

Franks: "Do you have a Senate Sponsor?"

Senger: "Not yet."

Franks: "I think we should work on that right away."

Senger: "Okay. Thank you."

Franks: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "There being no further debate, those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Bellock, Brady, Crespo, Durkin, Sandack. Please record yourselves. Brady, Sandack. Please take the record. On this question there are 118 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1309, Representative Cassidy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1309, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1309 is in response to a particularly heinous crime that occurred in my neighborhood, and really speaks to a trend that we're seeing, a very disturbing trend. Last summer, a group of teens targeted a disabled father of 12 who was collecting cans in an alley, and intentionally recorded the beating that resulted in his death and disseminated it on Facebook. When the primary attacker was about to... to attack Mr. Mora, he turned on his video camera, faced it and said I think I'm going knock this guy out. They were playing a game called pick out and knock out. This would allow prosecutors to take that action into consideration when the recording and dissemination of a crime like this is part of the intentional nature of the crime. It takes in... it uses the framework recommended by the CLEAR Commission to provide for aggravating factors rather than simple penalty increases. And I ask for your favorable support."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Drury and Wheeler. Please take the record. On this question, there are 118 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1402, Mr. Evans. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1402, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 1402 addresses a small issue.

We have a lot of small airports around the State of Illinois and these small airports need to be properly equipped with the best technology possible to protect from catastrophic events. 1402 allows IDOT the statutory authority to make reimbursements to airports. Recently, three of our airports made improvements with Automated Weather Observation Systems. They installed them prior to 2008; the Federal Government made the reimbursement. Like many other things, the Federal Government decided to step out of it and now IDOT would like to have the authority to make those reimbursements and moving forward, all the payments for these Automated Weather Observation Systems will be placed in their budget. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Leader Bost."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentlemen yields."

Bost: "Do we know how much... we're talking... a total of... how many airports might be putting into this?"

Evans: "Yeah. Well, this particular Bill only addresses three airports: one in Kankakee, one in Romeoville and one in my district in Lansing. We're asking that, because the work was already done at these three airports, that we allow this one time for IDOT to cover the cost of the Automated Weather Observation Systems at these three airports. But moving forward, it'll be already placed in their budget in 2014 and every year moving forward."

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Bost: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, as I understand it and just so the House is... is familiar, as I understand it the Federal Government said back in 2008 that they were not going to support the AWOS systems is that correct?"

Evans: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "Yet these three towns installed these AWOS systems in what year?"

Evans: "I don't have the exact year, but they were recently installed. And please keep in mind that the replacements occur about once every 20 years, so I'm not sure the... they were aware of this change. The Federal Government makes a lot of change and they don't always do a great job of communicating. So, it could have been some communication error, what you have. It's not something done every year. So in moving forward, it won't be an issue. It'll already be set in IDOT's budget."

Harris, D.: "No. I understand and I'll support your Bill, but it seems... we need to make sure that when reimbursement is not going... when the announcement is made that reimbursement is not going to occur, that municipalities or airports or other entities don't make those improvements and then come to the state saying, well, you guys got to make it better for us because we didn't pay any attention to what the feds

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were doing. But I will support your Bill and I appreciate the clarification."

Evans: "Yes, Sir, thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Evans to close."

Evans: "Yeah, again, I think the priority in this Bill is the safety. We want our airports to be properly equipped. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Hammond, Unes. Please take the record. On this question, there are 118 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority is hereby declared passed. On page 8 under the Calendar... under the Order of Consideration Postponed appears House Bill 161, Representative Osmond. Out of the record. Page 9 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution 3, Mr. Hays. Please proceed, Sir.

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 3 designates Illinois Route 136 as the Illinois Korean War Medal of Honor Highway. This Resolution honors the eight Illinoisans who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Korean war and marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean war. The VFW is a supporter of this Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Ford, Hoffman, Lilly. Mr. Ford. Please take the record. On this question, there are 118 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 16, Representative Williams. Please proceed."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill sim... This Resolution simply recognizes January as Smokefree Illinois Month. And I know we're a couple of months late, but we did switch sponsorships and of course, as you know, we have been smoke free in Illinois for about five years and just want to recognize that fact. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Members, we have two Motions in Writing to table Bills. The first one is House Bill 25, Representative Flowers. The second is House Bill 2392, Representative Hammond. We will take these in one Motion. Those in favor of the Motions will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motions are adopted. Both Bills are tabled. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees are meeting at 2:00: the Business Occupational Licenses Committee is meeting in Room 115, the Labor & Commerce Committee is meeting in Room 114 and State Government is meeting in Room C-1. At 4:00, the Judiciary Committee is meeting in Room 114 and Higher Education is meeting in Room D-1."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we're about to do a Death Resolution, so I would appreciate quiet in the chamber. Chair recognizes Leader Currie on House Resolution 132."



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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, and Members of the House. The Governor in his speech today talked about the important contributions that Dawn Clark Netsch made for women, made for equality, made for reform, made for a better Illinois. I have introduced House Resolution 132 in her honor and I would ask leave to include the names of all the Members of this House as Sponsors of this Resolution. I would also ask for a moment of silence in her memory."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie asks that all Members of the House be added as cosponsors. With leave of the Body, that will be done. Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Death Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Thursday, March, 7 at the hour of 11:30 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned 'til Thursday, March 7 at the hour of 11:30 a.m."