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Speaker Turner: "Members are asked to be at their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Silas Johnson who is with the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Johnson is the guest of Representative Scherer. 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."

Pastor Johnson: "Good morning. Let's bow our heads. Precious Father, in the name of Jesus Christ we humbly bow ourself now for just a moment to ask that you will guard and guide this 98th General Assembly in 48 Legislative Days. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, those who have traveled from the north, east, west and south to come together, Lord, to come up with a solution for any problem that arises. We ask that as they sit and think that You would be the first thing on their mind. And as they sit and think, the people they represent would be the second thing on their mind. And guide them, Lord, in every step they must go. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen and Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Martwick."

Martwick - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

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

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Bost."

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

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 116 present, a quorum is established. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Verschoore, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2013: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 50, Senate Bill 1170, Senate Bill 1293, Senate Bill 1538, Senate Bill 1620. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Tollway Oversight reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2013: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1214. Representative McAsey, Chairperson from the Committee on the Environment reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2013: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 33, Senate Bill 72. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2013: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2013: do pas Short Debate is Senate Bill 32, Senate Bill 47, Senate Bill 62, Senate Bill 63, Senate Bill 93, Senate Bill 1191, Senate Bill 1197, Senate Bill 1225, Senate Bill 1292, Senate Bill 1303, Senate Bill 1321, Senate Bill 1373 and Senate Bill 1623. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on the Judiciary

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reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2013: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 48, Senate Bill 1169, Senate Bill 1213, Senate Bill 1280, Senate Bill 1287, Senate Bill 1322, Senate Bill 1340, Senate Bill 1497, Senate Bill 1814. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2013: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 922, Senate Bill 1383, Senate Bill 1439, Senate Bill 1524, Senate Bill 1530, Senate Bill 1871. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2013: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 30, Senate Bill 724, Senate Bill 1493, Senate Bill 1691, Senate Bill 1954, Senate Bill 2234, Senate Bill 2371. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 290, offered by Representative Smiddy and House Resolution 291, offered by Representative Jakobsson are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, the status of House Bill... Senate Bill 1, please."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No... Committee Am... Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Please hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative D'Amico, for what reason do you rise?"

D'Amico: "Point of personal privilege."

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

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D'Amico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to remind everybody that tonight at 6:00 we have the House-Senate softball game over at Lincoln Park. So, I encourage everybody to come on out, enjoy the night and let's keep the trophy here in the House. And also, in the backroom are the jerseys for everybody. So, go on back there and get your jersey, okay. Let's see you out there tonight and let's cheer on the House. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Go House. Thank you, Representative. Clerk, the status of Senate Bill 724."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 724, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Members, we will begin on page 5 with House Joint Resolution 21, Representative Poe. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 21 designates the section of Illinois Route 97 beginning at the intersection of Veterans Parkway in Springfield and ending at the intersection of County Highway 12 in Menard County as the John 'Doc' Davidson Memorial Highway."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Poe."

Poe: "Yeah. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Mr. Speaker, this is a Resolution for former Senator John 'Doc' Davidson here in Springfield. He was born and raised in Menard County and this would rename the Highway 97 when you go into Menard County to when you go out on the other end. So, I'd ask for a favorable vote."

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves to adopt House Joint Resolution 21. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Joint Resolution 21, having received the Constitutional Major... is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 187. Representative Davis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 187, offered by Representative Monique Davis.

WHEREAS, Representative Monique D. Davis and the members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Morgan Park High School boys basketball team, the Mustangs, on winning the Class 3A State championship. And this is the first State championship for Morgan Park High School boys basketball since 1976. The Morgan Park High School Mustangs won their championship with a 63-48 victory over Cahokia at Carver Arena in Peoria; on the way to their championship, they achieved a 31-3 record; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulated the Morgan Park High School Mustangs on winning the Class 3A State championship."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the... in the Speaker's chamber upstairs there, we have the Morgan Park basketball team who won the first state championship in many, many

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years. Even though they beat my friend Jehan Gordon's people, we're still extremely proud of them. You know, in Chicago we get so much bad publicity about the youth, about their inability to learn, but I want this Body to know that Morgan Park High School is an extremely high academic achievement school as well as a high athletic achievement school. And to those people on that team, to their families, I want you to know we're extremely proud. After we give you a warm welcome to Springfield, we'll ask Marcus Evans, who's a graduate of Morgan Park, to say a few words. May God bless you and continue with the spirit of success and achievement. Can we give them a warm welcome?"

Speaker Turner: "Representative Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Guys, I'd like to say congratulations to you. In 2001, when I was in high school, we lost. We lost to Thornwood. It was an emotional time for me and since 1976 we haven't had the exuberation of winning a state championship. I've watched you all play. I'm also a basketball official, so I watched you all play closely. I'm proud of you all for the accomplishment. I graduated in 2003 from Morgan Park. I'll be speaking at the graduation this year, so all you seniors you'll hear me again, you'll see me. All the best to you in all your endeavors. Congratulations."

Speaker Turner: "Way to go, Mustangs. Congratulations and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Gordon."

Gordon-Booth: "I also rise to congratulate the young men at Morgan Park. I know how big of a deal it is to make it downstate and to be successful. You all have not only

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conducted yourselves in such a way that you are champions on the basketball court, but I'd like to share with you because I'm from Peoria, you handled yourselves in a very honorable way off the court. Obviously, you have a lot of eyes on you when you're downstate and I heard nothing but positive affirmation about the young men of Morgan Park. So, I'd like to thank the young men for the hard work they've put into this season as well as the coaching staff. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Congratulations, again, guys. Continuing on the Order of Resolutions, on page 5, we have House Joint Resolution 26, Representative Evans. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 26 designates the portion of U.S. Route 41 within the State of Illinois as part of the Purple Heart Trail that exists throughout the United... U.S. highway system."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today for this Resolution. I'm not a veteran, but we have a lot of veterans in my community and these veterans have given their lives. And I'm partnered with the veterans. You see, all the cosponsors are veterans that are in this chamber that understand the sacrifice that's given. We have Purple Heart Trails all through the United States, various trails, various expressways. Near my district, U.S. 41, because of this Resolution, will now be dedicated in the honor of all the veterans in the Midwest. What makes it unique is that it connects from Indiana, so as you leave Indiana or as you

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leave Illinois and you enter the various states, you'll be reminded of the sacrifice of all of those individuals that have given their lives and their time and their sacrifice for this country. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 26. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 116, House Joint Resolution... 116 voting 'yes', House Joint Resolution 26 is hereby adopted. House Resolution 39, Representative Jones. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 39 designates February 7, 2013, as National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Jones."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 39, although the date has passed, just recognizes February 7 as African-American HIV/AIDS Day. This is an initiative not only of myself but also the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. And I would recommend its adoption."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "I'd just like to bring everybody's awareness to the importance of this Resolution and the fact that HIV/AIDS affects African Americans at an alarming rate. We really need to bring awareness to this particular disease. Having had a best friend... or I still do have a best friend who is living with HIV for the past 20 years and having gone through his struggles with him and with trying to find

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resources for someone that is HIV positive in our community, we really want to raise awareness to what is going on in the plight of these individuals. They are living with, not dying from, this disease and we want to make sure that they have the resources that are available to them. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 39. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk. House Joint Resolution 27, Representative Chapa LaVia. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 27 creates the Teacher Recruiting and Retention Task Force."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. You're looking mighty fine today. Are you wearing your tennis shoes?"

Speaker Turner: "I have them in my office."

Chapa LaVia: "Oh, okay. House Joint Resolution 27 creates a task force and requires the State Board of Education to administer the task force. And what it would do is look at retention and hiring of new teachers in the system that having to do with... with the impact of Tier 2 pension benefits and the ability of districts to recruit and retain teachers. I ask for its support."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 27. All on favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Beiser, Bellock, Phelps,

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Rita, Verschoore. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 116 voting 'yes', House Joint Resolution 27, having received a favorable majority, is hereby adopted. Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of personal order."

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, sir."

Bost: "Under House Rule 18(g), I move for the discharge of House Bill 2615 along with the House Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 2615 from House Rules Committee. Under House Rules 54(a)(2), all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status and I wish to debate my Motion. Upon the conclusion of the debate, I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49, in Article IV Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be by recorded vote whenever five Representatives shall so request. There are at least five Members on our side of the aisle that wish to record the vote on the Motion to Discharge House Bill 2615 along with the House Amendment #1 and 2 from the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I object to the Motion."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "I'm shocked. But Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. We specifically requested a Roll call vote on the Motion pursuant to the rights guaranteed under the House Rules in the Illinois Constitution. This breach of rules should be corrected and immediately with a Roll Call vote on the Motion to Discharge."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Bost, your Motion is out of order. Representative Bost."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Speaker, now this is a very, very important Bill. It's 47 thousand jobs, 47 thousand jobs in the State of Illinois that we're just kind of throwing out by the wayside by not bringing this up. Mr. Speaker, I requested... I have requested a Roll Call vote. I make a Motion, as soon as I get my glasses on I will too, I make a Motion under Rule 57(a) to override the Chair and wish a recorded vote on overriding the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, your Motion is out of order. Representative Bost."

Bost: "Mr. Speaker, look, we are in a budget crisis in the State of Illinois. We need more jobs. This Bill will bring those jobs forward. Now, all I'm asking is for the opportunity for that Bill to be brought to the floor so that we can discuss the fact of actually putting an industry in place that will generate revenue to the State of Illinois, that will actually start getting us out of this debt and these problems that we have, but yet, once again, the Rules of this House have blocked we, the people, we, the Members who were sent here by the people from doing the job that we're sent here to do. And I know everybody's sitting and having conversations all around the floor and it really doesn't matter. Old Bost is up again. But folks, if we don't start dealing with this issue of needing jobs, needing employment not only in southern Illinois, but all over the State of Illinois. This Bill is something that we, as certain Members both on your side of the aisle and our

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side of the aisle have worked together to come up with a sensible Bill that as it is we have agreed to. We've had members from the environmental groups, members from the business side that agree on a Bill. Let's move this Bill forward and quit playing political games with it. Now, I've made a Motion to the Speaker and under these same Rules that I've had a problem with all along and I've tried to explain to each one of you, once again, we've trapped that Bill in the Rules Committee where it cannot be dealt with and therefore, our people have to sit in their districts thinking what are we really doing here? And I can tell you what we're doing, we're doing nothing."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Kay, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kay: "Mr. Speaker, a question of the Chair."

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

Kay: "I think Representative Bost was very clear in his request. I'm curious. You referred to his Motion being out of order and I'd like to know what reference point you make or you refer to."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, Motions under Rule 18(g) cannot be appealed and therefore, the Motion was out of order. Moving back to the Calendar, on page 5, we have House Resolution 4. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, we have House Resolution 69, Representative Reboletti. Out of the record. House Joint Resolution 20, Representative Moffitt. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 20 designates the Wednesday in May during Illinois Nurses Week as Mother Mary Ann Bickerdyke Day."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Resolution, House JR20, is to honor a great Civil War nurse, but it's also to honor the contributions of all military nurses and all nurses in general in the state. Mary Bickerdyke was a Civil War nurse. There's a statue of her in Galesburg recognizing her contributions, what she did. And even after the war, she continued to help veterans that were still recovering. And on that monument to Mother Mary Bickerdyke, General Sherman says she outranks me. If you look in the current Illinois Blue Book, the 2011-12, on page 133 is a page dedicated to her, a picture and then a little paragraph about her. So, I'd urge the adoption, but it recognizes military nurses and all nurses in general. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 20. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, House Joint Resolution 9, Representative Rita. Please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 9 authorizes the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to expand the Illinois toll highway system."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Rita."

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Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution 9 is a Resolution that authorizes the Illinois Tollway Authority System to expand their system. It's known as the Elgin-O'Hare Western Access. This Resolution is about putting people back to work, about jobs. And this project's been around for a long time and this will be the final step into putting this to a reality. I ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and to the Resolution. This Elgin-O'Hare Expressway has been on the books for IDOT since before I was born. And finally, about 55 years later, we're going to actually take the next phase in not only creating jobs, but changing the gridlock that occurs around O'Hare Airport, around the northwestern suburbs of Cook and DuPage County. And an opportunity, not only for jobs and road construction, but of vertical construction where the communities that I represent along the expansion are looking at building convention centers and hotels. And all of the industrial parks, they're looking forward to new businesses and new opportunities. I know, Representative Rita, you share the same desires that all of us do in putting Illinois back to work and at the same time opening up transportation to and from O'Hare Airport. We are the transportation hub of the nation. I think this will help us maintain that. And I would urge your support."

Speaker Turner: "Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and to the Resolution. The previous speaker was certainly correct in terms of how long

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it's taken to get this project underway. The current Elgin-O'Hare Expressway, it's often been said that it goes to neither Elgin nor O'Hare. So, this is a vital project; however, I'd remind the Body that this project is funded by an 87 percent increase in the Toll Highway Authority tolls. I feel that that... those... that toll increase was excessive and quite frankly, unneeded. This is one of the projects; however, that has been on the books. If they're going to use the money that the toll increase generates, then this is a proper way to use the dollars. And likewise, I stand in support of the Gentleman's Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Durkin: "Representative, why are we doing this in the Legislature? Can't the Tollway do this through their own Resolution?"

Rita: "The way the statutes are set that the General Assembly must give the okay or the Authority the... to go forward with it..."

Durkin: "Okay."

Rita: "...when they set up the initial..."

Durkin: "What is the cost for this..."

Rita: "...when they set the tollway system..."

Durkin: "Okay."

Rita: "...up..."

Durkin: "What is the projected cost for this expansion?"

Rita: "It's a \$3.4 billion construction project. And it's going to be expanded over... from 12 to 15 years."

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Durkin: "Okay. How... I mean, is this going to be paid through tolls or how is this going to be funded?"

Rita: "From my understanding, about 90 percent of this... the funding has already been identified. There's a portion that some locals are going to be putting in and with the tolls is the primary."

Durkin: "Okay. Has the tollway projected to you when this project will be finished? I mean, it's been in the pipeline for decades as my friend behind me has stated. And I live in the west suburbs. We've been hearing about it for a long time."

Rita: "They're claiming from 12 to 15 years to be completed, but they're anxious to get this project started. This is one of the final steps into actually going out to bid and putting people to work and starting this."

Durkin: "Well, this is a great... I'm glad we're doing this. This is a long time coming and this is going to be just a wonderful, amazing, you know, economic tool for the Chicago and DuPage County. So, I support your Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Rita to close."

Rita: "I've asked for a favorable vote on this. This is a... a agreed Resolution from my understanding, that everybody, the locals... it's about putting people back to work. It's about putting a construction... \$3.4 billion construction project that will last over approximately 12 years. I've asked for a favorable vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution #9. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Brown, Marcus Evans, Farnham, Franks, Lilly. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 96 voting 'yes', 14 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', House Joint Resolution #9, having received a majority, is adopted. Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair. I was noticing the last speaker that presented that Bill, I know him pretty well, but his coloring is different. I didn't know he was of Samoan descent. He almost... is there something that has happened to him over the last week while we've been gone. I don't know."

Speaker Turner: "He's looking good to me. That's Representative Rita. He's there. Representative Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point, Sir."

Welch: "I'd like to call the chamber's attention to the gallery. I have a group of educators from the 7th District, from Proviso Township High School District 209 in particular, proudly representing Proviso East High School. Also some representatives who are retired teachers who live in River Forest. Please welcome our group of educators to Springfield, everyone."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to your Capitol. Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "I rise to a point of personal privilege."

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

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Moffitt: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the chamber, I hope all of you will take time to make note of the number of people going around with sneakers today, those that got the memo. And it's an important event. I don't think anybody's mentioned yet it in here today. And it's the American Cancer Society's coaches versus cancer and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network are teaming up to help put an end to cancer. And they are organizing today what's called suits and sneakers and it's for a cancer prevention study. And I hope all of you have read about it. Look that up. It's to raise awareness about the importance of cancer research and there'd be nothing greater than we get to the point that we've solved that and if we get there through research. So if you see people around here with sneakers, I tell you, I've never worn sneakers on a Session day before to the floor, but it feels real good and maybe it's something we should do more of, but it's in support of cancer research. And I think the Cancer Society and this project deserve our thanks and appreciation. Let's show it to them."

Speaker Turner: "Great idea."

Moffitt: "If you would..."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. On page number 6 of the Calendar we have House Resolution 106, Representative Rosenthal. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 106 urges the Department of Employment Security and the Department of Veterans' Affairs to create a veterans' jobs Internet website."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Rosenthal."

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Rosenthal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 106 simply urges the Department of Employment Security and the Department of Veterans' Affairs to create a veterans' job Internet website. I encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 106. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davis, M.: "Mr. Speaker, I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Ma'am."

Davis, M.: "A few minutes ago I offered a congratulatory Resolution to the Morgan Park High School basketball team who won the state championship, but I failed to mention the adults who are responsible for leading them successfully, academically and athletically. First, I'd like to mention Dr. Carolyn Epps, the principal who went to Roosevelt University with me, but she graduated and I was a drop out, working on her doctorate. So, I want to congratulate Carolyn Epps, the new principal at Morgan Park. We have Remy Washington, the assistant principal, Adrian Burrage, the athletic director and a math teacher of advanced math and trigonometry, Wesley Yates, the athletic director, Nick Irvin, the head basketball coach, Mr. Terry Johnson, the assistant basketball coach. It is because of these adults, they're mentoring. All of these students are above a 2.5 and their grade point averages go as high as a 4.0 or above. God bless you all again, the leaders who are leading

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these people and we hope you'll continue to be role models and mentors for all the children in Chicago. God bless you and thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Could we have a round of applause for those adults."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. House Resolution 80, Representative Acevedo. Out of the record. House Resolution 133, Representative Dunkin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 133. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Dunkin, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House here. House Resolution 133 simply declares its support for Choose Chicago and us connecting with the city and making sure that we encourage stakeholders in the tourism industry here to recognize the offerings all across our state and to celebrate it and to do what's right and to coordinate our Met Pier or Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority to act as the official sales and marketing agency for McCormick Place in Chicago. And it's governed by a board of directors and employs a staff of more than 90 industry professionals. Funding is received from both the private sector and public sources. So Choose Chicago has a relatively small budget of \$27.6 million and we simply want to encourage its... urge its stakeholders to help recognize the offerings in making it affordable, frequent and convenient train travel throughout the Midwest, so we can capture those people from St. Louis, we can capture those

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people from Milwaukee, capture those people from Iowa, capture those people from Indiana, anywhere in the world. We want them to come to the State of Illinois and celebrate tourism here in our state. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Durkin: "I think it's really super what you're doing there, Representative Dunkin. That's super with a capital S, but you talked about anywhere in the world. I've got... you're on Second Reading. It's not... we're not too far down the road. We can still amend the Bill. Make it a better Bill."

Dunkin: "I'm just excited."

Durkin: "Which is all about...?"

Dunkin: "About tourism in the great State of Illinois, Jim Durkin."

Durkin: "You know what I want..."

Dunkin: "Are you Ken Dunkin or Durkin?"

Durkin: "...I want to be able to send this message not only to our neighboring states, but to our friends overseas. One example, the Dominican Republic perhaps."

Dunkin: "Come on. Let's go."

Durkin: "They've got a lot... I'm sorry, what? Am I missing something? So, anyway, we're on Second Reading. How about Choose Dominican Republic?"

Dunkin: "Yes. Choose Africa."

Durkin: "All right. I'm going to stop while I'm ahead."

Dunkin: "Choose Asia."

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Durkin: "Thank you. You're a very open-minded person and you've done great work in this chamber and also around the continental United States and overseas as well. So thank you for your dedication."

Dunkin: "You're oh so welcome, Representative Durkin."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to, not on that issue, but commend Representative Dunkin for all the work that he's done for tourism in the movies in Spring... in Illinois. Some of those issues have been very controversial and recently in the papers they've talked about how it's helped the income in the State of Illinois. So thank you for all your work, Representative Durkin. We appreciate it."

Speaker Turner: "The Representative moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Resolution 133. Seeing no objection, the Amendment is adopted. Representative Dunkin."

Dunkin: "I just want to express my wonderful appreciation for my colleagues who've been here as long as I have, Representative Durkin and Representative Patti Bellock and a number of my colleagues who really get it along with all of us. Representative Sacia and all of our great people that are on our Illinois Tourism Committee. We have so much to offer here in this state. When you see people from out of state they come here, they're excited about being here because we offer so much diversity in our state. And as one of the proudest moments in my career, lifting up all areas

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of our wonderful state and celebrating it with the world. I would ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 133. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 153, Representative Cavaletto. Please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 153 encourages state and local law enforcement agencies and public school districts in the state to cooperate with one another to establish school walk-through programs."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is an important House Resolution which encourages the state and local enforcement agencies and public school districts to cooperate in the state, with one another, to establish a school walk-through program that would permit state and local enforcement officials to more frequently stop and walk through public school properties during their patrols and thereby increase the security of those properties. I think this Bill... this House Resolution is good and it's not a mandate. It's when the policemen in their district are free and they go by a school we just ask them to stop, walk through and they'd be seen in their presence. It may stop a lot of problems. I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 153. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it.

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And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 162, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 162 encourages all school districts in the state to establish educational programs to inform parents about the dangers of serving alcohol to minors."

Speaker Turner: "Representative DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, House Resolution 162. Alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in the United States and alcohol use by persons under the age of 21 is a major public health problem. Underage alcohol abuse is associated with school problems such as higher absence and poor or failing grades. The Illinois House of Representatives is committed to the education and protection of the children of Illinois. We encourage all school districts in the state to establish educational programs to inform parents about the dangers of serving alcohol to minors and the prohibition on serving alcohol to minors and a punishment for a violation of the prohibition. I ask for the adoption of the Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 162. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 163, Representative Mitchell. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 163 urges the boards of directors and shareholders of Illinois corporations to

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properly reflect the ethnic, racial and gender diversity of the state in their membership of their corporate boards."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Mitchell."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution's in response to a great report done by the Chicago Urban League as well as research done by Chicago United. Of the 50 largest companies in Chicago, 567 individual members of their boards of which only 12 percent are racial minorities. What this Resolution is saying is that we, as a state, have tremendous purchasing power not only through what we do in terms of contracting and vendors, but also in terms of bond deals, professional services, underwriters, engineers, other service firm opportunities and that we should be working to promote those companies which understand the competitive advantage of diversity, understand how it opens new markets, understand how it creates a new and more competitive workforce and that that's a benefit to the private sector as well as to us. This Bill does not have opposition which I think is a recognition of the business community, how important diversity is. This is an opportunity to make sure that we begin to promote those companies that reflect those values that I know we all share. I urge the adoption of this Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Monique Davis."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor yields."

Davis, M.: "Could you tell us a little more about the diversity of your board?"

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Mitchell, C.: "I'm sorry. I'm not sure I understand the question."

Davis, M.: "Well, you say you're going to have a board that makes sure that the corporations do exactly what?"

Mitchell, C.: "No, Representative. What I'm saying is, once again, this is not a mandate in any way. What it's saying is year over year that we would like our corporate partners whether that's on bond deals whether that's on construction, vendors, whatever it is, to report to the state how they're doing with diversity on their board of directors. And we're encouraging our agencies such as the Illinois finance authority, CMS, DCEO, the Comptroller, the Treasurer, the Governor's Office of OMB and folks doing our bond deals to seek to do business with partners whose boards are reflective of the diversity of our state. This is a Resolution. It's not an enforcement mechanism per se. It's encouraging businesses to do this and if we see we have trouble down the road, we can come back and look at doing something that has more teeth."

Davis, M.: "So you feel that if the board has diversity, they will really understand the economic impact that fair economic distribution of jobs and bonds and contracts have upon any corporation or our state."

Mitchell, C.: "Absolutely and I think it will also help them realize kind of the leadership opportunities and examples that it creates in African American and other minority communities as well as opportunities for women who are a bigger part of our society and a bigger part of the folks

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getting MBAs and going into C-suite level jobs. So, absolutely, I'd agree with that."

Davis, M.: "So you're not naming just one or two ethnic groups. You're saying just be diverse. Is that correct?"

Mitchell, C.: "I'm saying that we ought to... that these corporations, their boards ought to reflect the ethnic, racial and gender diversity of this State of Illinois. Yes, Ma'am."

Davis, M.: "I commend you on such a fair Resolution. I'd like to be joined as one of the cosponsors. Thank you."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Mitchell to close."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you. I thank you for the question from Representative Davis and I would urge an 'aye' vote on this Resolution. I think it'll make us a fair and more competitive state."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 163. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 165, Representative Berrios. Mr. Clerk, please the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 165 urges the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to adopt regulations to implement Section 1071 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act as expeditiously as possible."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Berrios."

Berrios: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Section 1071 of the Dodd-Frank Act was enacted into Federal Law on July 21, 2010 and requires financial

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institutions to report information regarding credit applications from women-owned, minority-owned and small businesses. However, obligations do not arise under Section 1071 until the CFPB adopts regulations and then they take effect. This Resolution states that the State of Illinois recognizes the importance of data collection and reporting under Section 1071 of the Act in improving fair lending oversight and in understanding of the extent to which the credit needs of women-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses and small businesses are being met by our financial institutions. I'd also like to mention that the Illinois Bankers, the Illinois Credit Union League and the Illinois Housing Development Authority are all in support of this Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 165. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 165 is adopted. Representative Brady."

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

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point."

Brady: "Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome to the Illinois House of Representatives, on this Nurse Advocate Day, the nurses from BroMenn Advocate... BroMenn in Normal... Bloomington-Normal in my district and also the nurses from Advocate Eureka Hospital who are up in the gallery. Please stand up and be recognized, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you very much for all you do."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol. Members, we're going to table some Bills. So we're going to

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do it with one large Motion... one single Motion to Table a number of Bills. So Mr. Clerk, please read the Bills."

Clerk Bolin: "Motions to Table have been filed by the Sponsors of the following Bills: House Bill 60, offered by Representative Ford. House Bill 80, offered by Representative Ford. House Bill 81, offered by Representative Ford. House Bill 957, offered by Representative Ford. House Bill 1150, offered by Representative Ford. House Bill 1151, offered by Representative Ford. House Bill 1153, offered by Representative Ford. House Bill 2242, offered by Representative Cabello. House Bill 2304, offered by Representative Zalewski. House Bill 2331, offered by Representative Ford. House Bill 2491, offered by Representative Cabello. House Bill 2758, offered by Representative Cabello. House Resolution... House Bill 2982, offered by Representative Bellock. House Bill 3173, offered by Representative Cabello. And House Resolution 56, offered by Representative Ford."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie moves to table the Bills that were just read by the Clerk. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Bills are tabled. Mr. Clerk, afternoon committees."

Clerk Hollman: "Meeting at 2:00 is the Higher Education Committee in Room 115, Labor & Commerce in Room D-1, State Government Administration in Room 114 and the Appropriations: General Services Committee in Room C-1."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 288, offered by Representative Cavaletto. House Resolution 289, offered by Representative Kifowit. And House Resolution 292, offered by Representative Walsh."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. Members, the House will be in Session this Friday. The House will be in Session this Friday. And now... after we acknowledge Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, I have an inquiry of the Chair."

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

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, I'm looking at the jerseys here for the softball game tonight and I know that Illinois has a lot of financial issues, but... and I appreciate the St. Louis Regional Chamber helping us out, but do we really need Missouri to help us out, Mr. Speaker, for our softball game? Can we find Illinois... somebody in Illinois to help us out?"

Speaker Turner: "The search will continue next year."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House will adjourn 'til Thursday, May 2 at 12 noon. Thank you. Representative Lilly, it's never too late."

Lilly: "Thank you, thank you, Speaker. I would like to make an announcement in reference to the COWL production. We have open casting rehearsal Thursday, May 2. Many of you have

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received the flyer that's on your desk. We need you in our performance this year. All the women in the House please join us May 2 for our rehearsal. We look forward to seeing everyone there. You are our performers this year. Thank you."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1417, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1458, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. Senate Bill 1704, offered by Representative Roth, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1925, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2182, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2186, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. Senate Bill 2197, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning the lottery. Senate Bill 2255, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. First Reading of these Senate Bills. They are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."