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Speaker Turner: "Members are asked to be at their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Representative Tom Morrison from the 54th District. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance."

Morrison: "Father in heaven, You are righteous and just and holy. As we begin Session today, we glorify Your name. Because You created us and all things, we acknowledge that You know everything about us; our thoughts, our words, and our deeds. Father, we confess to You that we are weak and sinful. As it says in Your word, there is none righteous, no not one; and therefore, we appeal to Your grace and mercy. Father, we are all the same when we stand before You; we are humble and desperate for Your help. Today we rejoice and we thank You for the return of our friend and our colleague Raymond Poe. We ask that You would please continue to speed his recovery and Lord, we ask that You would help others, too, who need Your healing care. And finally, Lord, we ask that You would give us wisdom as we represent and serve the people of the State of Illinois. Could You please guide us and the Leaders of this Body. Could You please provide for and protect our loved ones at home while we are away this week. Thank you, Father. In Christ the Lord, Amen."

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

Bourne - 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."

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Speaker Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I join in welcoming back Representative Poe. Excused today are Representative Jones and Mautino. Some of our colleagues may well be on the road on their way here, driving through the ice, and those who haven't made it by the time we started I am sure will sign in with the Clerk's Office when they do arrive."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And we're thrilled on this side of the aisle to welcome back Representative Poe, no more excused absence for him. And Representative Brady is excused today."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome back, Representative. With the count of 114, a quorum is established. Leader Durkin."

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Durkin: "First and foremost, again, I just want to reiterate, Ray, it's great to have you back. When you were diagnosed last... last Session, all of us were very, very scared. We were nervous, and we also were very much supportive of you. Everybody in this caucus, and I can just speak for all of us to say that our thoughts and prayer were with you the whole time, and it worked. And we're glad to have you back, and I also wanted to say that both you Ron Sandack both have outstanding hairstylists though. Secondly, I would also like to introduce our newest member of our caucus. At 9:00 this morning, we all know that Rich Brauer has retired from the Legislature and his appointment was made. It's Representative now, Tim Butler who's joining us. Tim, thank you for joining

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us. Tim, as I said earlier, Tim's nickname will be 118D. And we're glad to say now that Representative Avery Bourne now has seniority over somebody in this... in this building. So Tim, thank you, again. If you'd like to speak and just address the House of Representatives for a few moments, we'd appreciate it."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Leader Durkin. It's... it is truly an honor for me to be here today. Obviously, I've got huge shoes to fill, coming in after my friend Rich Brauer. Ray Poe, welcome back, buddy. I've known Ray for a long time. It's great to see him again. Glad to be here, looking forward to a lot of fun ahead this Session and getting to know all of you. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Raymond Poe."

Poe: "Thank you. I had to put my hat back on 'cause I don't know Ron can do that, my head gets cold. So again... again, thank you. And you know, I heard from a lot of you and your thoughts and prayers. You know, the doctors can work their miracles, but those... excuse me, the thoughts and prayers is what did it. And I probably had 600 cards, and that holds you up every day. But a transplant is not that bad; especially if it works, which after 30 days they tell you; did another bone marrow test on me and my disease was gone in 30 days. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you... thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Davis, W.: "Certainly we want to welcome back our friend, our colleague, Ray, back to the General Assembly. We would just

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like to also welcome Representatives Bourne and Butler. Put your seatbelts on, strap in, this is going to be a hell of a ride this Session, trust me. But more importantly, Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to acknowledge the young man standing next to me. This is young Jaylen Smith; he is my Page for the day. The young man, he's in seventh grade at Parker Jr. High School in... in the south suburbs. He is a Page for the day. He is working hard to build his college fund, so please give him money. Please give him money. Also, in the stand are his mother who also happens to be my district director and his grandfather Richard Alexander. Please welcome them all to Springfield."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to your Capitol. Representative Martwick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Martwick: "I would also like to echo my sentiments; welcome back, Ray, it's great to have you back here. Mr. Speaker, I want to take just a moment to inform the... the House of a little American history. Yesterday we celebrated a very important day in American history, yesterday was Casimir Pulaski Day. And I know many Members here probably see that on the calendar and wonder, well, just who was Casimir Pulaski? So with... with your... relenting, I will... just give... take a minute to give everyone a little bit of a brief history of a great American hero. So, Casimir Pulaski was a General who fought for freedom from oppression for Poland from the Russian Oppression. And in 1777, he was recruited by Benjamin Franklin to join the fight for freedom here in America. He arrived and immediately

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wrote to General Washington where he said, I came here where freedom is being defended to serve it, and to live or die for it. His first engagement..."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Members."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And you know, I know that a lot of people say, well, I don't really care who Casimir Pulaski is. But listen to this next point, because this is one point that you should all know. In 177... September 11, 1777 at the Battle of Brandywine, Casimir Pulaski was valiantly credited with saving the life of General George Washington. That's right. So, there are very few people who probably can't name our first President, but now you all know the person who allowed him to become that first President. He saved his life in battle, he was promoted to Brigadier General and at the Battle of Savannah he lost his life again in a valiant charge against the forces of oppression. He's an American hero; he's credited with modernizing the American Cavalry and he is one of only eight people ever to be granted honorary citizenship in the United States. So, he's a true hero. His celebration was... of his day was yesterday, Casimir Pulaski Day. Now you know a little bit about a true Polish-American hero and someone that we're all very proud of in Polonia. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you very much for that history lesson, Representative. Representative McAuliffe, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McAuliffe: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

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McAuliffe: "I am also happy to have my old seatmate, Ray Poe, back. Sorry, Ray, I had... they moved me two seats over. I think Representative Wehrli may be a little healthier than me. But speaking about public health, I would like to invite all the Legislators to go down to the rotunda today. We're having hepatitis C Awareness Day in the Capitol. And also for all Legislators born between 1945 and '65, feel free to stop at Comptroller Munger's Office today for a free hepatitis C testing, that's on the second floor. And also if you will, I we... I'd like to invite everybody to the hepatitis C reception at the Illinois Public Health Association building from 5 to 7 and that's at 232 Second Street, I'm sorry, Third Street. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative McAsey for what reason do you seek recognition."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the House. I also rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed Representative."

McAsey: "Thank you. I would like to make an announcement for the women, the... the members of COWL. Just a reminder that a week from today on March the 10th will be the COWL annual dinner. We will be holding that event at the Pasfield House. The reception will start at 6:30 dinner at 7. I hope that COWL members will join us and please, please, please, we would ask for you to submit your RSVPs to Deborah Murphy. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Members, we are going to begin on page 2 of the Calendar with House Bills under the Order of Second Reading. First up we have House Bill 123, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 123, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 130, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 130, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 198, Representative Gabel. Out of the record. House Bill 220, Representative Moffitt. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 220, 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 Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 356, Representative Zalewski. Out of the record. House Bill 1319, Representative Lang. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1319, 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 Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1285, Speaker Madigan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1285, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1345, Representative Welch. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1345, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 1363, Representative Fine. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1363, 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 Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 330, Representative Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 330, a Bill for an Act concerning Business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "House Bill 335... Third Reading. House Bill 335, Representative Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 335, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Monique Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Davis, M.: "Thank you. I'd like to introduce to the Body Miss April Shaw, who is standing next to me. She is going to be an honorary Page for today. She is a student at Lincoln Land College, and she'll be going to Howard University in the fall."

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And she is the guest of Monique Davis and Representative Ford.
Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol.
Representative Will Davis, for what reason do you seek
recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Davis, W.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, as many of you know I serve
with Representative Tryon as a cochair of the Illinois
Legislative Diabetes Caucus. Last year Representative Tryon
put together a fantastic fundraiser on behalf of the caucus
and raised, I believe, over \$15 thousand in his first attempt,
on behalf of the Diabetes Foundation. This year we're doing
it again, Ladies and Gentlemen. So I just wanted to make you
aware that if any of you would like to bowl with us, I have
registration forms. Please put a team together, come out and
join us. There is a small cost to it, but it... 'cause it is a
fundraiser. But it's a fantastic time, a fantastic
opportunity to support a great caucus of Members here in the
General Assembly. So I invite you to come out. Last year I
was the captain of Team Big Strike who came in second last
year, and we're looking forward to coming in first this year.
So the line in the sand has been drawn, if anybody dare to
challenge Team Big Strike and my big strikers. Grab one of
these forms and join us on April 21, for bowling. Thank you
very much."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Members, we will be
moving the Bills on page 4 under the Order of Third Reading.

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First we have House Bill 226, Representative Cavaletto. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 226. A Bill for an Act concerning Education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 20... 226 would grant the district of Sandoval High School to approve a proposition to allow Sandoval Community School District to issue bonds that would exceed the debt limit. The Sandoval would like to do... build a new school, elementary school, and the age and condition of the other elementary school buildings are in dire needs. This is a building that's over 80 years of age and this referendum was passed by the voters, over 70 percent of the vote of the district. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "On that, we have Representative Will Davis."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Davis, W.: "Representative, I just want to be clear. So you said that this issue went to referendum. So if it's been a pa... was it passed?"

Cavaletto: "It passed by the voters by... Yes, over 70 percent by the voters."

Davis, W.: "Oh so... so, help me to understand. So, if it was a referendum that passed by the voters, but yet you have a Bill. So was it an advisory referendum..."

Cavaletto: "This was..."

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Davis, W.: "...and you're taking the will of the community and bringing it to Springfield? I mean, I just want to make sure I understand."

Cavaletto: "They passed a bond issue because the EVA went down. They evaluated it. So that's what this is about. Their evaluation went down. They had to have an indebtedness to build a new school and people voted on it."

Davis, W.: "So, I guess I'm just trying to make sure I understand why you have a Bill based on this issue. I'm just trying to understand."

Cavaletto: "Since the... since the ev... the EVA went down they had to pass an indebtedness... a bond to build this school. Their evaluation went down so they had to pass this bond referendum by the people to build this school. That's what it's about. They had bonding authority and their EVA went down."

Davis, W.: "I... I guess I'm still trying to understand the nature of the legislation. If that was something that the local community said that they wanted, I'm just trying to understand why we have a Bill to this effect."

Cavaletto: "Because their EVA went down and we have to... we went... we're going to go past the debit limit of that school. That's what it's about."

Davis, W.: "That's what this is about?"

Cavaletto: "Yes."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Pritchard."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

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Pritchard: "Representative, it's obvious from what you stated in committee that this school is in a deteriorating condition and the community desperately needs a better quality school. Is that what you reported to the committee?"

Cavaletto: "Yes, the school is over 80 years of age and that is deteriorating."

Pritchard: "So, they can't just rehab the building; it's in essence, having to build on some additions and a new building. And they have exceeded their bonding authority, so that's why, Representative, that we need to have this kind of Bill passed to honor the local will. And yet help them build a building that's adequate. Thank you and we ask for your support."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Will the Sponsor yield."

Speaker Turner: "He indicates that he will."

Moffitt: "Representative, if I understand this correctly you have a school district that's not coming to Springfield asking for money. They're saying, let us fix our problem. Is that correct?"

Cavaletto: "Very true."

Moffitt: "That's a novel idea. I hope it catches on. This is a great Bill. It deserves our support. Thank you"

Cavaletto: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Cavaletto to close."

Cavaletto: "I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 226 pass. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count 84 voting 'yes', 29 voting 'no' and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 226, having received the Cont... Constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Hays, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hays: "Mr... Mr. Speaker, I would like the record to reflect that it was my intention to vote 'yes' on the last Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Journal will reflect your request, Representative. Members, returning to the Order of Resolutions on page 4 we have House Joint resolution 1 Representative Willis."

Willis: "Hi. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution is to put together an Emergency Responder Task Force. This task, force, as you heard last week we commemorated Scotty's Law, and it's basically to help all of our first responders to make sure that we have an understanding of what they need when they're out there responding to a tragedy on the roadside. So, it's to coordinate our firefighters, our police officers, our tow truck drivers, including our State Police, our volunteer fire departments. Making sure that we have everybody at the table so that we have an overall statewide policy on how to protect our people while they're protecting us. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Joint Resolution 1 pass?' All 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 111 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present' House Joint Resolution 1, having received

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the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Joint Resolution 4, Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This House Resolution is similar to the one that passed the House last year. It creates a Veterans Suicide Task Force, which looks into the fact that we lose one veteran service member a day to suicide, who served our country."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sandack for a question."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Sandack: "Representative, I remember this Resolution and I think everyone voted in favor of it. Explain why we're doing it again. Is it a year-to-year Resolution? Why are we doing it again?"

Kifowit: "We... we passed it in the House. It did not pass the Senate until Veto Session, and it did not have enough time to be enacted."

Sandack: "Why wasn't it passed in the Senate? What... what was the upper chamber not doing right and how can we help them do the right thing?"

Kifowit: "Well, it was picked up by an Army guy."

Sandack: "Oh. Well who's got it next time? Let's make sure an appropriate Marine has it."

Kifowit: "We'll make sure it gets done."

Sandack: "Thank you. And obviously I urge a 'yes' vote."

Kifowit: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Joint Resolution 4 be adopted?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote

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'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 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no' and 0 voting 'present', House Joint Resolution 4, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Joint Resolution 5, Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes. House Resolution 5 is in memory of Sergeant Gary J Vasquez, Green Beret... Can we have a little quiet?"

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Members. Can we please bring the noise level down?"

Meier: "Thank you. House Resolution 5 is in memory of Sergeant Gary J. Vasquez of the Green Beret. It's... it will rename the highway the Sgt. Gary J. Vasquez Green Beret Memorial Highway. He was from Highland; he joined the Army in 2000. He then, in 2002, went on for the Special Forces. He was one of three killed on September 29 in 2008 at the Helmand Province in Afghanistan. Shortly after we had renamed a highway after Sergeant Ripperda this gentleman's mother asked me last year about a week before she died, if she couldn't have a highway in her town of Highland named after her son also. And I promised her I would do that on her deathbed. So this brings that promise into effect, naming the highway from Trenton to Highland 160 the Sgt. Gary J. Vasquez Green Beret Memorial Highway. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Meier moves that the House adopt House Joint Resolution 5. All 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 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting

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'no' and 0 voting 'present' House Joint Resolution 5, having received the Constitutional Majority, is adopted. House Joint Resolution 6, Representative Anthony. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Joint Resolution 8, Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This House Resolution names Route 30 from 47 onward to Route 34 in Aurora under Mayor Paul Egan. He is the main driver of the economic engine of that highway, and we just want to memorialize him by it."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Kifowit moves that the House adopt House Joint Resolution 8. All 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 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no' and 0 voting 'present', House Joint Resolution 8, having received the Constitutional Majority, is adopted. House Joint Resolution 10, Representative Cloonen."

Cloonen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This house Joint Resolution recognizes Coal City VFW Post 1336 St. Juvin on its 90th anniversary. It's named after a small town in northern France where in 1918 many people were killed defending that area and to this day they still take care of the cemetery there. So I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Cloonen moves that the House adopt House Joint Resolution 10. All 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 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no' and 0 voting present House Joint

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Resolution 10, having received the Constitutional Majority, is adopted. House Joint Resolution 16, Representative Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 16 designates the rest areas on Interstate 72 East and 72 West at Milepost 152, between Decatur and Champaign, as the Sgt. Myron G. Deckard Memorial Rest Area. Sgt. Deckard was killed in the line of duty while..."

Speaker Turner: "Members, can you please give Chad Hays your attention. Representative Hays is a... adopting a..."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sergeant Deckard was killed in the line of duty while transporting a prisoner. He served with distinction for over 30 years on the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department. He was a leader in the community and he had such respect that since his passing the family and friends have held annual fund-raisers raising nearly \$100 thousand for students attending Danville Area Community College. I would appreciate, in the honor of a truly wonderful public servant, an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hays moves that the House adopt House Joint Resolution 16. All 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 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no' and 0 voting 'present' House Joint Resolution 16, having received the Constitutional Majority, is adopted. House Joint Resolution 17, Representative Hays"

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 17 designates the Stony Creek Bridge on U.S. Route 150 as the Stony Creek Bridge honoring State Representative William B.

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Black in honor of the former State Representative and his work in renovating the Stony Creek Bridge. This was a very dangerous one lane bridge, contained a lot of school... school bus traffic, a lot of commerce traffic. Through the tireless work of and efforts of Representative Black, this is now a much safer areas right in front of one of our county high schools. I would appreciate, in honor of a former colleague, of many on this floor, William B. Black, an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please hold off for a second, Representative. Representative Moffitt on the Resolution."

Moffitt: "Representative, did you say this is in honor of former Representative Bill Black?"

Hays: "Yes, it is, Sir."

Moffitt: "Well, I want to tell you I am shocked and appalled that this hasn't happened before this. What have we been thinking? Great Resolution."

Hays: "It is in fact long..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Leitch."

Leitch: "Representative, was this matter put to a referendum in Danville or did you just take it upon yourself to do something so risky?"

Hays: "I... I will tell you, in all honesty, it was brought to me by the Superintendent of Schools where the bridge is right in front of his school, and the safety has been enhanced very dramatically. But your point is well-taken."

Leitch: "Well, that's even scarier yet. You mean, school children could be threatened by this?"

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Hays: "They were formerly... their safety was formerly threatened, yes."

Leitch: "Well, I'm very worried about this whole matter and I see that you've overlooked a number of issues that might have been pointed out had you not done this. But in any event, I look forward to hearing the rest of the debate before I make my decision."

Hays: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "To the Resolution. I would just like to say that I'm sure if Representative Black's mother were alive to see this that she would be very, very proud of her son and that... as he was speaking about it on the floor it would bring a tear to his eye. To think about his poor mother and what she went through to have this bridge named after her son. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hays to close."

Hays: "I think everything that needs to be said has been covered."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hays moves that the House adopt House Joint Resolution 17. All 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 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no' and 0 voting 'present' House Joint Resolution 17 having received the Constitutional Majority, is adopted. House Resolution 10, Representative Kay."

Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 10 recognizes and urges that the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency be placed in Illinois in the general proximity of Scott Air Force Base or the surrounding area. Illinois is in competition with

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the State of Missouri, who have purposed two locations and have offered up 200 acres of ground. So, we simply want to get behind our local Congressmen in the area. We want to bring this Geospatial Center to Illinois because it represents about 3 thousand jobs and that's a lot of revenue. And it's important for the United States of America to have this center in Scott.. or by Scott Air Force Base. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves that the House adopt House Resolution 10. All in favor say, 'aye', all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Williams, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Williams: "Just a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Williams: "So a lot of us drive down to Springfield or you know, instead of taking the train or whatever means of transportation. So we've all dealt with very treacherous weather conditions over the course of the past winter too. I just wanted to point out and thank the State Police for their accessibility during this time. I've had a few questions over the course of my travels and the State Police has been nothing but helpful particularly Sergeant John Thompson. Thank you for your commitment to public safety from the Illinois General Assembly."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. House Resolution 35 Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This simply urges the Department of Labor to enforce the Illinois Preference Act. An Act that we, the General

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Assembly, passed years ago. That a study was recently performed by the University of Illinois indicating that it would have a drastic impact on reducing unemployment in Illinois if it were enforced. I as for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves that the House adopt House Resolution 35. 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 59, Representative Manley. House Resolution 59, Representative Manley."

Manley: "Trying to get my computer to work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 59 establishes November 2015 and 2016 as Veterans Appreciation Month. This was an initiative brought to me by a constituent, and hope to get your support on it. When I showed him the wording on the Resolution, with tears in his eyes he thanked me. And I told him every day should be Veterans Appreciation Day, but this is a step in the right direction."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves that the House Adopt House Resolution 59. 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 Bill 228, Representative Franks. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill.

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 228, 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 Turner: "Third Reading. House Resolution 68, Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This Resolution... House Resolution 68 is not intended for you, Mr.

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Speaker. It's intended for all the other working people in Illinois. It's intended for all of the people that's working in here. So, I urge that March of 2015 and 2016 be designated as Ask Your Boss for a Raise Month. I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sandack on the Resolution."

Sandack: "Thank you. May I... a question of the Sponsor, please."

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Sandack: "Representative, why are we doing this? What's the purpose of your Resolution?"

Ford: "It's to ask your boss for a raise."

Sandack: "We don't need a Resolution to ask for a raise. People can ask for a raise and they do every day from time to time. Seriously, why are we doing this?"

Ford: "Well, I think that what we do here in Springfield... I think we have the minimum wage vote where we're asking to sort of put a cap on how much people earn. In this case, this brings the state together and it lets the bosses know that, March, they should expect qualified people that believe that they deserve a raise to come to them for the purpose of asking for what they're worth."

Sandack: "Representative, people have the ability to ask for what they're worth every single day. I'm just asking why we need to put this in a Resolution form. And why we don't do every mundane fact or factor and ask... you know, to... Anything we go through life in do we need to have a governmental Resolution or permission from?"

Ford: "No, but it's nice for the government to encourage a strong workforce. I know for a fact that if you feel good about the work that you're doing and if you feel good enough to ask for

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a raise we're going to get better service in the stores that we visit, the restaurants that we frequent. So, I don't see anything wrong with the state, that's in dire strait for funds, asking the people that make the majority of the revenue in the state you know, the top one percenters, to ask them to share the wealth. That's what you want to hear?"

Sandack: "To the Resolution, Mr. Speaker. Well intended, if not very far afield, notwithstanding, no one needs help or permission asking for a raise. This isn't one percent or class warfare. Helping the state raise revenue has nothing to do with this Resolution. I think it's, frankly and not... and I don't want to be disrespectful, entirely unnecessary and unfortunately, wasteful of our time and attention. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Kay."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Kay: "So, Representative Ford, following along with Representative Sandack's line of questioning. And I don't mean to be redundant, but supposing you have 3 thousand workers and they all come to you and say, I want a raise. What should I do?"

Ford: "You should use your judgment, and if you believe that one of the 3 thousand deserves a raise, then you should consider it."

Kay: "Well..."

Ford: "That's what the..."

Kay: "...isn't that what's done now, Representative?"

Ford: "I mean, you can speak for yourself; you're a great businessman. I do know that the most important thing that we

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should be concerned about are the constituents that we serve and we should support them and at the same time support businesses so that they have better qualified workers and stronger, happier workers at their workplace."

Kay: "Okay. So, let me... let me ask a more specific question. Would it be fair for you to say that we would ask people to go to their employer for a request for increase based on metrics or the performance that they do, or the quality of their work instead of just saying go to your boss for a raise?"

Ford: "This is not a mandate for people to go to their boss for a raise. This is... we're saying with this Resolution is that we will let the bosses know that they should expect qualified people that feel that they work very hard for a company that they helped make millions and Billions of dollars. That they want to come in, whenever they want to, but March especially be a month that the bosses recognize that we will respect our workers because they may come in, in the month of March, to ask for a raise."

Kay: "Okay. So, you're not... so if a company is losing money, this wouldn't be applicable?"

Ford: "So, if a company gives out raises and can't afford it, then that... that's... that probably wouldn't be someone that runs a company like you."

Kay: "Well, thank you. I'm not sure would or wouldn't, but that's kind of you to say. So if this resolution passes and an employee goes to their employer and says, gee whiz, I'm worth a lot more than you're paying me. And the employer says, no, you're not. What are the consequences?"

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Ford: "Consequences of the employer evaluating their employee and letting them know that, I think that you're at the right rate of pay. That's what the consequences will be, that that employee will not get a raise."

Kay: "okay."

Ford: "I don't think a person that's consciously aware that they are not qualified to get a raise will go and ask their boss for a raise. But what we do know is that business owners have a savvy and have the ability to intimidate the worker and their ability to ask and negotiate on their behalf. In our case we, just vote for a raise for ourself. We don't... we don't even ask the voters."

Kay: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I... I'm a little taken back by this. I think most people understand that in... in the business situation, people are paid raises based on performance, the quality of their work. There's some metrics in place that we use to evaluate people. We simply just don't give money away for the sake of feeling good. And maybe that's the trouble in the State of Illinois, Mr. Speaker, that we've done too many feel good things and businesses are leaving and we can't employ employable people. So, I'm going to ask for a strong 'no' vote on this Resolution. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Phillips."

Phillips: "Thank you. As an employer of several hundred people, Sir, I assure you as an employer of citizens of the State of Illinois, it's most difficult to find those outstanding workers. And when we do, we do everything we can to maintain them in our employment. They don't need to come to us; we look for reasons to keep them and by getting them wages and

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taking care of them, we do everything we can to keep those. The cost of training new employees is difficult. So, as an employer, I don't see that this as a useful Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves that the House adopt House Resolution 68. 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 75, Representative Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution will recognize and show support for the future National Desert Storm War Memorial in Washington, D.C. and will also recognize that February 28 is the National Desert Storm Day. And so, we would be participating in that. Would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves that the House adopt House Resolution 75. All 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, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 210, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 211, offered by Representative Stewart. House Resolution 215, offered by Representative Fine. House Resolution 216, offered by Representative Verschoore. House Resolution 218, offered by Representative Cloonen. And House Resolution 224, offered by Representative Sims."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves that the House adopt the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, Adjournment Resolution."

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Clerk Hollman: "Adjournment Resolution. House Joint Resolution #46, offered by Representative Currie."

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, March 05, 2015, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 12:00 o'clock noon, or until the call of the Speaker and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 10, 2015, or until the call of President."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves that the House adopt the Adjournment Resolution. All 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, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees have been canceled for this afternoon. Agriculture & Conservation was canceled; Environment was canceled; and Health Care Availability and Accessibility was canceled. Meeting at 1:00 is Aprop-Elementary & Secondary Education in Room 114; Juvenile Justice and System-Involved Youth in 115; Transportation: Regulation, Roads, & Bridges in 118. Meeting at 2:30 is Cities & Villages in 122; Consumer Protection in C-1, Judiciary-Criminal in D-1. And meeting at 3:30 this afternoon is Appropriations-Human Services in Room 114."

Speaker Turner: "And now, allowing perfunctory time... perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House adjourn until Wednesday, March 4 to the hour of 12 noon. All

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in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House is adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee Action taken on March 02, 2015: recommends be adopted referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill #175. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 206, offered by Representative Nekritz. House Resolution 207, offered by Representative Bryant. House Resolution 208, offered by Representative Bennett. House Resolution 209, offered by Representative Manley. House Resolution 213, offered by Representative Soto. House Resolution 214, offered by Representative McAuliffe. House Resolution 217, offered by Representative Cloonen. House Resolution 219, offered by Representative Hoffman. House Resolution 220, offered by Representative Crespo. House Resolution 221, offered by Representative Moylan. House Resolution 222, offered by Representative Costello. House Resolution 225, offered by Representative Mautino. House Resolution 226, offered by Representative Phelps. House Joint Resolution 44, offered by Representative Tryon. House Joint Resolution 45, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading House Bills. House Bill 4141, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4142, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4143, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill

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