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Speaker Turner: "Members, we shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Tim McCormick, who is with the Kingdom Authority Ministries International in Springfield, Illinois. Pastor McCormick is the guest of Representative Butler. 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."

Pastor McCormick: "Good afternoon. Let us pray. Heavenly Father, I come to You this morning representing the people of this great State of Illinois. And I come acknowledging You that You are righteous, You are holy, and You are just in all Your ways. Everything that You do is righteous, Lord, and nothing apart from that is done by You. Today, I come thanking You, God, that You have looked down upon this state and You have blessed this people and that Your desire, Lord, is that this people would rise up today as a righteous people, as a holy people, as a people of justice, Father. Today, Lord, I come to You and I ask and I petition on behalf of this great State of Illinois and the people in, that You would begin to set things in order, that You would begin to shake everything in this state that is not according to thy eternal counsel, that You would begin to bring all things into alignment with Your perfect eternal righteous will. Father, I ask that You would look down upon the people in this gallery, that You would look down upon those whom You have set in the earth realm, Lord, to rule over the people, to bring forth justice, and to govern the people. And I ask, Lord, today that those whom You have set that You would bless them, that You would open their eyes, that You would cause the light to come into their eyes,

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that they would be able to understand fully what Your purpose, what Your divine counsel, what Your will is in the earth, Father, for justice for all, for holiness and righteousness in all things. Father, truly some in the earth have set themselves in array against You. Some have decided to cast off Your ways and go another way, but certainly, Father, You are sovereign, You are all powerful, You are Lord over all creation. And You are seated in the heavenly place as high and lifted up, and You are laughing, Father, because You know that Your eternal counsel shall come to pass. Father, I pray today that You would raise up the righteous sector of Jesus in this state, and that You would set all things in order, Father. I thank You today, Lord, that You have allowed us to come before You. Today, You have given us life, Father and we take this not for granted. Today, You have given us hope and we take this not for granted, Father. I believe that this state is a righteous state, that this is a state that shall lead the states in the nations of the earth, that this is an apostolic state, and this is a state that You have called by Your name, Father. So I come to You and I petition You, Lord. Set things in order, begin to shake, begin to move, and begin to bring all things into divine alignment today. And I thank You, Father God, also, for causing all those who have come to speak their voice amongst the people, who have elected this Body, that they would do so peaceably. I pray that You would release angels in this place to reg... to make sure that there is peace and there is not chaos, to make sure that there is peace and there is not yelling and screaming, to make sure that there is peace and that the peoples' voices will be

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heard. And so I praise You today, Father, I thank You, and I ask for Your blessings upon all those that are in this place. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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

Wehrli - 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. Leader Currie."

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

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. All Republicans are here today. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "With 117 Members present, a quorum is established. Representative Riley, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Riley: "Point of per... personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Riley: "Can we just have some... Fellow Members, this morning I know that many of you heard about the tragedy down in Florida where seven marines and four army troopers it is thought were killed during an exercise outside of Eglin Air Force Base. When I heard about it, one thing that I know about Eglin Air Force Base is there's a camp down there called Camp Rudder. And it is where you go for what we call the Florida phase of ranger training. And so I'm sure these brave soldiers were probably doing some kind of a special operations exercise,

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infiltration, exfiltration, or whatever it happened to be. And it seems as though they were all lost. One of the things that we have to realize that we know we have conflicts all over the world and we see some of our soldiers who are lost in action. But these highly trained men and women, the reason why they're... they're highly trained and the reason why they can do the exercises that they do is because they are trained. But many times, trying to make the training as realistic as possible, there are accidents. And when you think about it you should think about the sacrifices that these people make even in training. And this was a training exercise. So I know all of our hearts go out to the loved ones who are left behind. But it is something that I really want everybody to be mindful of. That training goes on 24/7. These are very dedicated people, and it looks like they were lost in a training exercise. So, Special Forces, just like any other unit of the military, are extremely important because of what we have them doing. So I'd like to have a moment of silence for the lost soldiers."

Speaker Turner: "The Body will take a small moment of silence.

Thank you, Members. And thank you, Representative Riley.

Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "If we could just remain standing for a second. Last night, Aurora Central Catholic High School, one of the schools my daughter... one of my daughters goes to, there was a tragic accident last night with six students. Aurora Central was going out to Marengo, which is my seatmate's school, playing in the sectional. And because of the fog, the kids collided with a semi-tractor and two of the children died. Seth Egger

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and Ally Bradford, who I actually coached as a child when she was in fifth grade as a basketball player. Both were 16, lost way too young and... and if we could just give a moment of silence, not only for their immediate families, but for the school. We have condolences coming from around the state and the country, especially from Marengo. But if we could have a moment of silence for all the... the community of Aurora, because everybody really is hurting and... please don't take peoples' lives for granted. But also, on the streets of Chicago, we're losing way too many young kids, too. This is tragic, yes. A car accident and the fog last night, but we lose children every day in Chicago, and we should be acknowledging them too, okay. So if we could have a moment of silence for the lost children, yes, in this tragic accident last night, but also, all the children in Chicago, my colleagues' districts that they don't have the moment, to be honest, mic... or their family doesn't have a mic to say, hey, say a prayer for me and my family too. So, if we could have a moment of silence for all the children, I'd appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you. Thank you, Representative. Representative Reaves-Harris, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Reaves-Harris: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Reaves-Harris: "I'd like to recognize Reverend Walter Jones, the director of Fathers Who Care, an organization that encompasses the West Garfield Park Youth Council as well as the West Garfield Park Community Stakeholders Coalition. And

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also, the Chicago Area Project is one of four affiliations in the Chicagoland area. These organizations are committed to promoting the concept that fathers need to be involved in lives. iust... as children's As the previous Representative mentioned, there are too many... far too many of our kids that are being lost on Chicago's streets. These organizations are committed to promoting the idea that fatherhood is not only a concept, but it's a privilege. And a privilege that everyone should take advantage of, be involved in their children's lives to make sure that they are safe from the violence that happens every day on the Chicago streets. So again, I'd just like to recognize these two organizations, commend them for their commitment to the community and the hard work that they do on behalf of the people of the 10th District on the West Garfield Park Community."

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

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, along with my colleague, Leader Patti Bellock, we're thrilled today to have two Pages from the beautiful city and village of Woodridge, Illinois. My Page for the day is Chas, right here, this handsome Boy Scout. Patti's Page for the day is Theo, this handsome Cub Scout. Both these gentlemen like school. Theo likes video games. Chas here, especially, he's a White Sox fan. The Schreibers, Joe and Linda, are in the

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audience here today in the gallery. Can we give them a nice Springfield welcome, please."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And welcome to your Capitol. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Cassidy, Chairperson from the Committee on Juvenile Justice & System-Involved Youth reports the following committee action taken on March 10, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 172. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on March 10, 2015: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 2515; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 25, House Joint Resolution 31; recommends be adopted as amended is House Joint Resolution 13. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on March 10, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2744. Representative Hernandez, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on March 10, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2486; do pass Standard Debate is House Bill 1372, House Bill 1376. Representative Verschoore, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment reports the following committee action taken on March 10, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1326, House Bill 1362, House Bill 2495; adopted is House Resolution 116, recommends be Resolution 125. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions reports the following committee action taken on March 10, 2015: do pass Short Debate

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is House Bill 2814; do pass Standard Debate is House Bill 107. Representative Sims, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on March 10, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1404, House Bill 1417, House Bill 1566, House Bill 2658; do Debate is House amended Short Bill Representative Lang, Chairperson from the Committee on Substance Abuse reports the following committee action taken on March 10, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 438. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on March 11, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2483, House Bill 2497; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 1407; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 128, Resolution 141. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on March 11, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1446, House Bill 2543, House Bill 2641, House Bill 2642, House Bill 2643, House Bill 2644, House Bill 2645, House Bill 2646, House Bill 2823; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 95, House Bill 303, House Bill 341, House Bill 2628, House Bill 2640. Representative Mayfield, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing Oversight reports the following committee action taken on March 11, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2807; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 152. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on March 11, 2015: do pass

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Debate is House Bill 1377, House Bill 2503. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on March 11, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 294, House Bill 1496; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 1359. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on March 11, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1489, House Bill 2568. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 253, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 254, offered by Representative Ford. Resolution 255, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 263, offered by Representative Cloonen. House Resolution 265, offered by Representative McAsey. And House Joint Resolution 51, offered by Representative Reis. These are referred to the Rules Committee."

- Speaker Turner: "Members, we're going to begin on page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills on Second Reading. First, we have House Bill 108, Representative Flowers. Out of the record. House Bill 115, Representative Flowers. Out of the record. Continuing on the Order of Flowers, House Bill 118. Out of the record. House Bill 422, Representative Morrison. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 422, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill.

 No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Sandack, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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- Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A point of personal privilege, please."
- Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."
- Sandack: "In the gallery, to my left, are some constituents and some doctors visiting the Capitol today and talking about legislation that's important to them. Dr. Gary Zang, Dr. Timothy Lubenow, and my neighbor and friend Dr. Sasha Demos. If you guys would wave, and if we can give them a nice Springfield welcome, I'd be appreciative, everyone."
- Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. And welcome to your Capitol. Members, we're going to Third Reading, Bills on Third Reading. And the first Bill is House Bill 198, Representative Gabel. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 198, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."
- Speaker Turner: "Representative Gabel."
- Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 198 prohibits parking non-electric vehicles in designated electric vehicle charging stations. And it also imposes a fine of at least \$75 per violation. This Bill was brought to me by a constituent who cannot... who has an electric vehicle and has found at different times that there have been non-electric vehicles parked in their spot. And as you know, electric vehicles need these spots in order to recharge. So, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."
- Speaker Turner: "On that, we have Representative Sandack."
- Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for some questions?"
- Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

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Sandack: "Representative Gabel, where did this Bill come from?

What initiated your..."

Gabel: "As I state..."

Sandack: "...your Bill here?"

Gabel: "As I just stated, it came from a constituent, who, in Evanston, was having a number of times they went to park in an electric... they have an electric car and they were unable to park in an electric car spot because there was a non-electric vehicle in that spot."

Sandack: "Thank you. And I'm sorry, I had a hard time hearing you. So I... it wasn't that I wanted you to duplicate anything. Help me out, is Evanston a Home Rule city?"

Gabel: "Pardon?"

Sandack: "Is Evanston Home Rule? Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Hold on. Members, I know it's really loud outside of the chamber. So, we're going to need to keep the... noise down inside the chamber so that we can hear the debate. I appreciate it. Thank you very much. Representative Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Gabel: "It is."

Sandack: "Representative, I asked if..."

Gabel: "It is. It is."

Sandack: "Okay. Has anyone in Evanston sought to apply this rule locally?"

Gabel: "Well, the City of Evanston supports this Bill."

Sandack: "Okay. Well, I... I appreciate that. The City of Naperville has something akin to what you're proposing statewide, it has it locally. And so what I'm wondering is, isn't this better for the local municipalities to handle on their own?"

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Gabel: "Well... So, the City of Naperville is a supporter of this legislation an well... as well. And I feel that this legislation would... would standardize this policy across the entire state, and so people wouldn't be confused if they cross a border. I mean, as we all represent many, many different districts."

Sandack: "Thank you. And I appreciate that answer. Of course, parking, generally, is a local issue. And while I support the concept, it seems to me..."

Speaker Turner: "Excuse me, Members. Doormen, can we please have the members removed from the gallery? Can we please have the gallery cleared, please? Thank you. Members, we're going to continue down the Order of House Bills on Third Reading, as the gallery is cleared. We're actually still on House Bill 198 with Representative Gabel. Representative Gabel, would you like to close?"

Sandack: "Oh no, I wasn't done. Whoa, whoa, whoa. I have a question pending..."

Gabel: "Yes."

Sandack: "...Mr. Speaker."

Gabel: "As I... I'll..."

Speaker Turner: "Apologies, Representative."

Gabel: "...I'll be happy to answer your..."

Speaker Turner: "I didn't know that there was a question..."

Gabel: "I'll be happy to answer your question. So, this is an issue across the entire state. Municipalities can increase the fine up to \$100. It does not take away the rights of municipalities. The City of Chicago, Naperville, Champaign, Evanston have all expressed that they feel that this is an

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issue that they support being addressed statewide. Thank you for your concern. It's..."

Speaker Turner: "Just a moment, Representative."

Sandack: "Yeah. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to go back when we have a chance. Thank you"

Speaker Turner: "We'll... we'll go... we'll come back. We have to have the gallery cleared first. Do we have the police on the way to the gallery right now? Thank you. All right, Members, as we try to continue to clear the gallery at this point, there's a lot of people in the rotunda and not a lot of space for people to go. So we're going to try to continue to proceed with the proceedings for the day. We're going to really need to keep the noise level down on the floor as we proceed. Thank you for your patience. We were discussing House Bill 198. Representative Gabel, I think you were addressing a question from Representative Sandack. Please proceed."

Gabel: "I believe I answered your question, but I will, once again. The issue is an issue that's across the entire state. And this Bill provides baseline uniformity while allowing municipalities some flexibility. They can increase the rates up to \$100. As I said, all the municipalities that have a law like this now support this Bill, as well as the City of Chicago. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Sandack: "Representative, as you stand here today, any municipality can put into play an ordinance that deals with this issue as they see fit. Isn't that correct?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Sandack: "Okay. So, what you're instituting, or seeking to pass, is a statewide parking regulation that some municipalities

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- may like, some may not. Some municipalities may fine at a certain point, some may fine at a higher point. Some may institute towing, some may not."
- Gabel: "No, this is just if they have... if they have spots for electric vehicles. Then if a non-electric vehicle parks in that spot, there would be a fine. They are not required to have spots for electric vehicles. It just requires a fine if they do have those spots and a non-electric vehicle parks in that spot."
- Sandack: "Mr. Speaker, I can't hear the Sponsor. And I know..."
- Speaker Turner: "Representative Sandack, we can wait until we clear the gallery or we can proceed. It's... it's your choice.

 Until they clear the gallery, I can do nothing about the noise level from the protestors that we're trying to exit from the gallery. So..."
- Sandack: "I... I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker. And I share your frustration. I just wonder why it's taking as long as it is. This is a little unprecedented and I suspect if a group of taxpayers were com... were down here complaining about what we tax, we'd get them out of that... this chamber a heck of a lot sooner."
- Speaker Turner: "We're going to have hundreds of people in the rotunda today. So, we're... I think the State Police are doing the best that they can right now to try to clear the gallery and do something with the number of people that we have. Please be patient and work with us."
- Sandack: "Your budget, Representative."
- Gabel: "So... so, let me answer your... your question. So, the... this does not require any municipality or any place in the state

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to have spots for electric vehicles. All it says is that if they have spots for electric vehicles and non-electric cars park in those spots, that they can... there's would now be a \$75 fine."

Sandack: "I'm going to wait, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Members, we're going to continue with the floor debate. Representative Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, I apologize if I'm asking repetitive questions. I could not hear a word from you. So, when... where I think we last left it was I asked if any municipality, whether it was Home Rule or not Home Rule, could pass an ordinance to do exactly what your Bill does statewide?"

Gabel: "Yes, they have the freedom to do it."

Sandack: "And in fact, some cities have done that. Naperville to be a point of example."

Gabel: "Yes, also the City of Champaign."

Sandack: "City of Champaign, City of Chicago may or may not. Any municipality can take this action and you told me in your opening that what you... why you brought this was because a constituent from Evanston said he or she had a problem parking their electric vehicle in a spot designated for them and no action was taken. Isn't her or his better place to be is at City Council in Evanston..."

Gabel: "Well..."

Sandack: "...where action could be taken appropriately in the City of Evanston?"

Gabel: "Well, I represent more than Evanston. And this seemed like a good idea to me to... to have a Bi... have a Bill that

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creates this fine across the state. I think it's good to have some uniformity across the state, as well as giving municipalities some flexibility in terms of the... how much they can... how much the fine is."

Sandack: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill.

This is a prime example of uned... unnecessary legislation.

This is a good example, frankly, of us using time, energy, resources, for something entirely unnecessary. Should the good citizen of Evanston wish to bring her case to the city council or that citizen bring it to the City of Chicago, or Naperville, where they've taken local action that they've deemed appropriate, that's where this Bill should be. City by city, locality to locality, to choose for themselves whether this is an initiative they wish to undertake. There's no need for state uniformity here. This is unnecessary state action. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative David Harris."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Harris, D.: "Representative, I want to make sure I understand the Bill before I vote on it and a couple of questions. I'm looking at the synopsis on... on LIS and I'm... I'm reading the synopsis for House Committee Amendment #1. And I looked at House Committee Amendment #1, and I... I'm not sure I see how House Committee Amendment #1 ties in with the synopsis. My question is this, actually two questions. The synopsis says that the Amendment removes a requirement that the applicable fine amounts be displayed on signs. So that, as I understand

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now, for handicap signs, if you park in a handicap sign, there's a... there's a sticker there on that sign that says it's going to cost you \$250."

Gabel: "Correct."

Harris, D.: "Do I read this to say that, should this Bill become law, there's no requirement that the fine be posted on the sign that is... is shown?"

Gabel: "Well, it... there... they will have to say that there is a fine. The City of Chicago was concerned that they would have to keep changing the signs, if the... if the amount of money was increased. And since it was a \$75 base, but could go up to a hundred, they were concerned that the amount was going to be changed and that they would then have to have a cost of increasing... it would cost them then to get... have to change the signs periodically."

Harris, D.: "Right."

Gabel: "The intent of this Bill was not to create more cost for any municipality, but rather to save these parking spots for cars that truly need them."

Harris, D.: "Right, and I follow. We... we established a fine for the handicap spaces, correct?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "So, why not establish the fine for the electric vehicles and not give the municipality the option to change that fine? We don't give them the option to change the fine for handicap spaces?"

Gabel: "Well... We wanted to be able to give the municipalities a little more control. So... but I hear you. And it's possible

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that we could amend this Bill in the... in the Senate to just have one set fine for...

Harris, D.: "All right."

Gabel: "...for everyone."

Harris, D.: "Then... and then just for clarification, the... additional clarification. It says that the municipality... we're setting a level of \$75, and the municipality, as I understand from reading the Bill, can go up to a hundred dollars. Is that right? Is that a..."

Gabel: "Correct."

Harris, D.: "...is that a hundred dollars in addition to..."

Gabel: "No."

Harris, D.: "...\$75?"

Gabel: "No, it's up to a hundred."

Harris, D.: "Seems to me we ought to just set it at a hundred dollars and..."

Gabel: "And be done."

Harris, D.: "...and not have confusion about changing signs. Thank you very much."

Gabel: "You're welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Moffitt."

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

Speaker Turner: "She indicates that she will."

Moffitt: "Representative, if you answered any of these questions, I apologize. During the... during the display or protest, or whatever, it was hard to hear some of the comments and questions. Obviously, I don't this is as much of a problem in certain parts of the state, perhaps yours it's been a problem. We don't see many electric cars, you know, I don't very often,

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that have to be recharged. I mean, some are hybrid. If... if you answered this, I'm sorry. Can a municipality, right now, impose this?"

Gabel: "What? I... I couldn't hear that question."

Moffitt: "Can a city or, you know, municipality... can local government impose this fine like this now? Do they already have that authority? And if you answered that earlier, I'm sorry. I just didn't hear the answer."

Gabel: "Any... yes. Local governments can pass an ordinance to do
 this."

Moffitt: "They already could?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Moffitt: "Okay. Now it also includes, the way I read it, I'm... and I'm asking you. It also appears it includes private parking. It says owners and operators of parking facilities may also cause a... a non-electric car parked in an electric charging place to be removed."

Gabel: "If they set a... yes."

Moffitt: "So, on private property, they would have that authority to have it towed?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Moffitt: "Would they have that authority now? I... I wouldn't think they would, but I'm asking."

Gabel: "If they have a sign up that says it is a designated spot, they should have the authority to remove the car."

Moffitt: "The... the..."

Gabel: "I was just adding a fine to it to really discourage people who... non-electric cars to park in that spot."

Moffitt: "Sure. I... I see your intent."

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Gabel: "It's an enforcement issue."

Moffitt: "But when we expand it to private property... a private owner's deck... parking deck privately owned, parking lot privately owned..."

Gabel: "I mean, it's the same for handicapped spots. Those are on
 private property as well."

Moffitt: "And they could have... the owner could have the car towed?"

Gabel: "I believe so."

Moffitt: "Well, that... that was my concern. That we're... we're adding it to private property. And does this specify on the signage that it has to be a certain size? The wording such to get... to make sure that a person wouldn't accidentally park there, help get their attention."

Gabel: "We did not design a specific sign, but there are municipalities who already have these signs up. And we didn't want to force them to change the kinds of signs they already had."

Moffitt: "Okay. And is there... final question. Is there... like handicap parking there's certainly to be... it's... the idea is to get people closer to the entrance to make it more convenient. I hope we're not taking up convenient places with... with charging. I realize you have to get the power source..."

Gabel: "No."

Moffitt: "...to that location."

Gabel: "These are mainly where the charging stations are."

Moffitt: "Okay. Well, I am concerned about expanding it into private parking, but thank you. I think I understand what you're doing."

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Gabel: "Okay."

Moffitt: "The locals...

Gabel: "Thank you."

Moffitt: "...have that authority. You're sure that private does

too, now?"

Gabel: "I believe so."

Moffitt: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson."

Andersson: "There, am I on? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the

Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Andersson: "A question for you. At present, under the Municipal Code, villages and cities have the ability to impose fines ranging from \$0 to \$750. Is it the intent of this Bill to actually limit municipalities now, or remove that local

control so that they can only charge \$100?"

Gabel: "The effect of this Bill would... yes. It would... it would be

to do that."

Andersson: "The... the concern I have with that is local prosecutors oftentimes have to deal with repeat offenders. And in those situations where repeat offenders occur, one of the mechanisms that they use to deal with that is to increase fines. Oftentimes a fine will start at \$100, but if they are a scofflaw or repeat offender, they'll come back to court and they'll receive additional fines. This would remove that ability and functionality for the local prosecutors. I have a concern about that."

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- Gabel: "Is that the... is that currently the policy of... with... I'm not sure if that's currently the policy with handicapped parking spaces."
- Andersson: "Handicapped parking spaces, I believe, are treated separately, but this would... and perhaps this would add another category to that list. But in all general ordinance violations, which this would fall within, right now the prosecutors have that discretion."
- Gabel: "Well, this Bill is... is modeled after the... after the handicapped parking space fine."
- Andersson: "Thank you for the answers. I would urge a 'no' vote on this. Quite frankly, it takes away local control."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Willis."

Willis: "Thank you. Will the speaker yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

- Willis: "Sponsor, on this Bill, would it be that there are some municipalities that have no fines at all right now for parking in the wrong spot?"
- Gabel: "I think... is your question... Naperville has a fine at this time."
- Willis: "Right. My municipality, we have a number of spots for electronic cars with charging stations. I do not believe we have a fine if you park in the wrong spot. So your intent behind this is that everybody would. So, if I were to park in Addison I would get the fine on there, and I would know that if I was in Evanston I would also get the fine, correct?"

Gabel: "Correct."

Willis: "So, I woul... I would not have to know the local municipalities fining ordinances?"

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Gabel: "Or not fining. Correct."

Willis: "Because that, in a way, you're making it easier for people that travel from town to town, they shop in other towns, they know what to expect if they..."

Gabel: "Yes. We..."

Willis: "...parked in a..."

Gabel: "...this Bill is to create uniformity across the state. So..."

Willis: "Okay."

Gabel: "...people know if they parked in a electric car spot with a non-electric car, that there will be a fine and what that fine will be."

Willis: "Thank you very much. To the Bill. I would certainly urge this Bill to be passed. I think what we're doing is trying to make some continuity corr... across the state so that you do not need to know every little town's idiosyncrasies as to what they're going to fine if you park in an inappropriate spot. So, therefore, I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Morrison."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Morrison: "Representative, I had just a few questions about this...
about charging stations in Evanston and... and just generally
speaking. Are there typically time limits on how long a car
can park in that spot?"

Gabel: "I'm not sure."

Morrison: "Okay. I think it's probably an important thing to know because I would want to know would a... would a car have to be actively charging in order to park in that spot? You know, an electrical vehicle can park in the spot but not put..."

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Gabel: "Yeah. I don't think it's that defined."

Morrison: "Okay. I think it's important for the Body to... to know that before we vote on this, or before approving it. Because near my district, there are charging stations that are... are being installed. At District 214, for example, they... they built some of these spaces. And I'm hearing that some of the people who are using this are parking in those spots all day long. And what I know about Evanston, I grew up not too far from there, that parking is really at a premium in... in your district. And so, if there are... whether a person's driving an electric... electric vehicle or not, if they're abusing those spots and they're taking up those spaces for an undefined amount of time, you know, I just think that there's a reason why we should not be fining people when parking is a prem... at a premium in areas like you're describing."

Gabel: "Well, the... the purpose of this Bill is to prevent nonelectric cars from parking in those spots. And as this... as this issue becomes more prevalent and there are more electric cars and more charging stations I think there may be additional Amendments to this piece of... statute in the future."

Morrison: "I mean, are there ever any lines waiting to get into these spots? That's, I guess, what I'm trying to say."

Gabel: "According to my constituent, they... they have not been able to park in a spot when they... when they needed to."

Morrison: "Okay. Because of a non-electric vehicle, but..."

Gabel: "Correct."

Morrison: "Okay. But I'm just wondering if... if there are every any lines for electric vehicles..."

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Gabel: "Yeah. I'm... I'm not sure."

Morrison: "...waiting in line there."

Gabel: "I'm not sure."

Morrison: "Okay. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. A lot of unanswered questions on this Bill. Before we move this to the nex... I really think that we ought to vote 'no' on it and resolve some of these issues. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Would the Sponsor yield just for a quick second?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Ammons: "I just wanted to clarify if the fine, and I support the intent of the Bill, if the fine goes to the municipal body or if it goes to the Department of Revenue for the state?"

Gabel: "It... the fine goes to the municipal body."

Ammons: "Thank you so much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a parliamentary inquiry."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed with your question."

Sullivan: "The intent, I think, this Bill is to be statewide, therefore, going into Home Rule communities. Can I get a ruling as whether this would affect... or adversely affect Home Rule and then what the threshold of vote would be for this Bill today?"

Speaker Turner: "We'll get an answer for you, Representative."

Sullivan: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "While we're waiting for an answer, Representative Wehrli."

Wehrli: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

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- Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."
- Wehrli: "A question... just so I'm clear. This... Your legislation, as proposed, would actually lower the fines already established by the City of Naperville from a hundred to \$75.

 Is that correct?"
- Gabel: "I would have to look to see what the fine for Naperville
 is. I'm not sure."
- Wehrli: "But your maximum is \$75?"
- Gabel: "It does. We set an amount in there because we wanted to set a reasonable amount. We felt that the... if we set it at the same fine as handicapped parking that that was too high. So, the Bill... the purpose of the Bill is to discourage non-electric vehicles from parking there. I don't think... so..."
- Wehrli: "While... while I appreciate the intent, removing that Home Rule authority is something I'm concerned about. So, thank you."
- Speaker Turner: "Representative Sullivan, to your question. The Bill does not preempt Home Rule authority and will take 60 votes to pass. Representative Gabel to close."
- Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So House Bill 198 provides a fine for non-electric cars parking in electric car spots. As I said, there are only a limited number of electric car spots, and these electric cars need to recharge. This Bill tries to provide some uniformity across the state. And I urge an 'aye' vote."
- Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 198 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.

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On a count of 61 voting 'yes', 50 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present', House Bill 198, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Members, we have a Death Resolution. Can we have all staff retire to the rear of the chamber and all Members stand at their seats? Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 158."

Clerk Hollman: "RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of Dean Sweitzer, who died on February 4, 2015; and be it further RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dean Sweitzer as an expression of our sympathy."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. First, we're joined by Dean's family, many of his friends, many of his coworkers in the Speaker's Gallery. We're glad you're here with us today. We know that there was a similar Resolution read in the Senate. It's hard to lose a friend. Many of you knew Dean, some of you did not, some of the newer Members did not know Dean. You missed a real treat. He was a very special person. I would invite you, at your leisure, to read House Resolution 158. It's not the usual Death Resolution we hear in this Body. For instance, it talks about how Dean became an Eagle Scout, but if you knew Dean, you know he was no Eagle Scout. It talks about him getting a graduate degree in epidemiology, but in the entire 15 years I knew him, I didn't even know he could pronounce epidemiology. The Resolution goes on to say he was famous for his love of long and large

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meals, encouraging all to over order, overeat, and stay far too long, which is true. If you ever went to a meal with Dean Sweitzer, you were full before the entrée came and everybody took boxes home with them. And the Resolution discusses his shtick, let's call it. So, Dean had ways he referred to people and ways he talked to people. Often he would yell 'yo', or yell 'you're wacked', or 'I hate you', which was one of his big ones. I got a lot of 'I hate yous' from Dean. And then, of course, he would want to know if he could smoke in here. Dean referred to himself, fondly, as the King of the Idiots. And many of us idiots, include me in that group, met him at the Globe Tavern many nights while he was doing his work as what he called a hobbyist, not a lobbyist. Dean was passionate about his work and did much to protect an entire industry. The long-term care industry was served well by our friend Dean Sweitzer. I never met anyone like Dean. He was genuine, honest, open, and caring about things and issues, but especially about people. He was an icon in Springfield. People loved Dean not for what he gave, although he was certainly generous, but for who he was. What he gave mostly was his spirit. I can't think of another person who I have met that had such a great impact on the people in this circus, known Springfield. He brought people and polar opposites together. He did it with joy and with friendship. His loss was a big blow to all who knew him, to me a bitter and personal loss. Our friendship was deep and strong; it transcended government and politics. No one will ever have a better friend. Many of us were fortunate to travel with Dean just a few short weeks before his death, some in the chamber who

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will speak. We knew it was likely the last of our group outings, and we're quite sure he did as well. But at no time during that trip was it ever mentioned. We just went about our few days together and sat, and talked, and joked, and ate, and drank. Not me, but everyone else. Those were days I will never forget, just as I will not forget my friend. A quick story that will tell you all you need to know about Dean. Last summer, I was with him in Minneapolis for the NCSL convention, some of you were there as well. It was a fourday convention, and on the third day of that convention he said to me, well, I've got to go back to Chicago. Why do you have to go back to Chicago? Well, here's my plan. I'm getting up at six in the morning, I'm flying to O'Hare, my friend Boom Boom, who's up in the gallery, is going to pick me up and drive me to Frank Mautino's golf outing. And then what are you going to do, I said. Well, then I'm coming back to Minneapolis for dinner. And he did. He got up at six, got on a plane, drove two hours to Frank Mautino's outing, two hours back to O'Hare, and flew back to Minneapolis in time to watch the Jackie Robinson kids on television with Kwame Raoul and I. It was a startling thing. Not just because he wanted to be back with us, but because he had promised Frank he would be at his event and refused to miss it. Dean, you had an impact on everyone you ever met. It was our great fortune to be with you, to know you, and to learn from you. Your spirit, your heart, and your love for life were not lost on us. As we reflect on who you were to us, we know we... we have been made better people to have had you in our lives. Rest in peace, my

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good friend. You will always be here with us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Tryon."

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank Representative Lang for bringing this Resolution before us. Dean was, to many of us, not just a professional that we worked with on long-term care issues, but he was a friend. And for us, today is... is difficult, but I would submit to you, necessary. Difficult because we lost and mourn our friend, but necessary because we also need to recognize Dean's impact that he'd done here, day in, day out, on a professional basis. Dean was at his best when he was tracking an issue that affected long-term care. And... and he was hyper about it. I mean, you would run into him and he would say, I've got to go to committee. This is going to kill us if this thing passes. And he fought passionately for his industry and he educated us in that process. And we were better for it, we made better decisions. And I now know terms that I would've never known. What RUGs meant, Rate Utilization Groups, and the impact of having a health care system where some good systems were penalized so that we could boost up the ... the systems that were failing. We really needed to look at a different system, and he made that impact. And that was one of his last great contributions on his work for Lexington Health Care down here. But then there was... was Dean, our friend. And you couldn't ask for a better friend, a more loyal friend, a friend that could... could get you through a bad day. If you had a bad day here, he made it somehow better. I watched Dean and many times tell me things would work out over a dinner. And going to dinner with him

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was probably an exciting time for anybody that ever did it. Dean, I say, worked a menu like Picasso worked oil. No question about it. He believed that appetiter... appetizers were the greatest invention of mankind. And I think in every restaurant in every part of Springfield I've had every appetizer they have to offer. But he did have nicknames for everybody. Roger Eddy was Roger. Lou, actually, was Lou the Sweeper. And we don't ... I'm not sure how that happened. I heard that he referred to Lou as the cleanup guy, always cleaning up stuff. He had the Y Girls, who was all the Legislators who ended... whose ... were female whose last name ended in 'y'. For six months I thought he was referring to them as the Wise Girls until he told me, no, it's the Y Girls, you know. And then there was his own family. He loved to talk about his daughter; he loved to talk about his wife, 'The Warden'. For five years I heard about The Warden. And one day in Springfield, 'The Warden' was here ... she's with us in the gallery... and I realized I didn't actually know what her name was. And that, shortly, I was going to be in this really uncomfortable position of saying it was nice to meet you, Warden. So, I reached out to those around me and I said, hey, do you know what... do you know what 'The Warden's first name is? Nobody knew what it was except Kathleen, the bartender at The Globe; she knew, she told me it was Pat. She saved me. I got to say it was nice to meet you, Pat. And I want to... I want to tell Pat how much Dean means to us all. The impact he had on us as a friend, an impact that he had for Lexington Health Care here in Springfield. He can't be replaced. But we are the better to be able to remember him and celebrate his

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life with us. And Dean, I know you're listening and I know that there's appetizers wherever you are, and there's issues to work on. And you will live in our hearts, in our minds, and our memories forever. You are missed. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Dan Burke."

Burke, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Pat, Rachel, the entire Sweitzer family, the Lexington family, you know, today was an important day for all of us. We took our House photo prior to you folks coming in today. As I reflected on the idea that we were going to be memorializing Dean, it was kind of hard to form a smile to take that picture today because it ... I realized that once we left this chamber, I wouldn't have my friend to say, you idiot, you moron, where do you want to go to dinner? Dean was, as those who spoke previously, one of those larger than life characters that we are sometimes very fortunate to know. I've known Dean for over 20 years in this experience, and he used to insist that I was his first foray into the dark side. Meaning, I'm a Democrat, and he generally didn't associate with Democrats. But Dean was a character that sometimes would be indescribable. If you ever told your friend about your great friend in Springfield, you'd have to use a couple of words that I probably couldn't say on this House Floor. He was the most gracious, most caring, most generous man I've ever met in my experience, certainly in Springfield, and I might say in my entire life. Dean would be there with a helping hand, with a kind word, a joke. You couldn't help but feel better being in Dean's company. And I know for you newer Members that only have known Dean for a very short time, I'm

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going to say you're going to be lesser for not having the opportunity that I had knowing Dean for over 20 years. I drive down here and I think, often, where is Dean? But given what the poor guy went through, and Pat, 'The Warden', how often Dean would say to me, I can't believe, he said, 'The Warden' is taking such good care of me. She has been a remarkable partner, and wife, and you really made a big difference, Pat. He struggled, he fought, and you were there at his side, never leaving. I am really distressed to lose my friend, but I'm so improved having known him for the time that I've known him. Rest in peace, Dean."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I met Dean Sweitzer the very first day I came to Springfield, 16 years ago. And right away, within a week or two, we started talking about health care issues and long-term care. And within... within the first 6 months, we became very good friends and best of friends as of the last 16 years. So, everybody has mentioned everything good about Dean, you couldn't say more than his fun loving and how high spirited he was. But as several others have said, when it came to his job, the real reason he was down here, he accomplished what he came to do. He was involved in every discussion there was regarding health care and longterm care, and he served the people that he came to serve. Because what he cared about most in health care and long-term care was that those people, seniors, disabled, had good quality health care and excellent access to health care. And if you achieved that, in our state and in our communities, that is one of the best things that you can possibly do is to

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celebrate the lives of people who are disabled and who are elderly and can't always do that for themselves. He was there, every day, as one of ... as Representative Tryon said. When he came to me and talked about RUGs issue, I said what is that, you know, but he was there to explain it. That was one of the main issues that was part the last couple of years, and we were successful in doing that, but Dean was a major part of the leadership of several of the issues that we passed during the last couple of years with health care. His presence is greatly missed, as we've all spoken about today. But the main thing is, is that for his family and his friends that are all here, we're here to celebrate his life, as Representative Tryon said, not to mourn with sorrow. Because so many people can move on, but there are other people in our lives that their presence and their memories will never be forgotten. And that's what Dean would want today, a celebration of his life. And we're all here to celebrate with all of you, his family, his friends, the people he worked with, and all of us here on this floor. Thank you, Dean, and thank you to his family for sharing him with us for all these years."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Mr. Speaker, my name was used in debate and I'd like to be allowed five minutes for rebuttal... sorry. Actually, Dean is... was a tremendous and amazing human being, and I wanted to thank Representative Lang for relaying the story where he did leave Minneapolis, come to Spring Valley, have lunch, did not tell me he was doing that. And then I asked where he's going and he says, well, I have to get a plane, I have to go back. And that's kind of the guy he was. An expert in his field of

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issues, but he also was an expert on the General Assembly, the people who are here, the relationships that make this place work. And one of my favorite episodes with Dean I have to share, because I was fortunate to have Dean and a number of the people in this room join me in a trip to Sicily two years ago to my family home. And Boom Boom joined with us, Pat allowed him to go, and we had a wonderful, wonderful trip. However, Dean and Boom Boom's luggage never arrived. So I was about 60 pounds heavier at that point in time, and the three of us lived out of my suitcase. Swear to God. Dean, you know this is true. The three of us lived out of my suitcase for a week; thank God my wife packs a lot of stuff. But when you think of ... of a human being who touches all the lives of those around him, he spreads joy, he speds... spreads happiness. In this building, he brings knowledge and truth to issues that matter to people. We were blessed by his presence."

Speaker Turner: "This Resolution was adopted on a previous day, but the Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Members. On page 6 of the Calendar, we have House Resolution 136. Representative Reaves-Harris."

Reaves-Harris: "Thank you, Leader. In assen... in essence, House Resolution 136 designates October 5 as Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention Day in West Garfield Park Community. The West Garfield Park Community currently has a high problem with substance abuse and violence. As we know, October has been designated as Substance Abuse Month at the national level. House Resolution 136 seeks to designate October 5 as a day to... I can barely hear myself think, but... Thank you. As a day to bring the community together, the... to correlate the

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non-for-profits, for-profits, church organizations, and the leaders in general, to put to the forefront of everyone's minds the issues and the problems of substance abuse that we have in the West Garfield Park Community. The individuals that were... I recognized earlier today, Reverend Walter Jones, on behalf of the executive... or the executive director for Fathers Who Care, and the West Garfield Park Youth Coalition as well as the... the Chicago Area Project. As I said, 1 of 45 coalitions that work specifically on this problem within the West Garfield Community are part of the leaders and they're looking for creative ways to come up with activities, events, and the like so that we can address the issue of substance abuse in our community as well as the violence. And we seek to have October 5 as that day to bring the community together to work and to... to foster the idea of community in addressing these issues."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 136. 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 256, offered by Representative Hays. House Resolution 257, offered by Representative Guzzardi. House Resolution 258, offered by Representative Golar. House Resolution 259, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 260, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer. House Resolution 261, offered by Representative Monique Davis. House Resolution 262, offered by Representative Monique Davis. House Resolution 264,

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- offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 266, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia."
- 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."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Joint Resolution #50, 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 12, 2015, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 12:00 o'clock noon, or until the call of the Speaker and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 17, 2015, or until the call of the 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 committee was canceled for this afternoon. Elementary & Secondary Education: Charter Schools was canceled. Meeting at 1:00 is Business Occupational Licenses in D-1, Labor & Commerce in 114, State Government Administration in Room 118, Small Business in Room 122. Meeting at 3:30 p.m. is Appropriations-General Services in

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- Room 413, Appropriations-Public Safety in Room 114, Energy in Room 122, and Higher Education in C-1."
- Speaker Turner: "And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk,

 Leader Currie moves that the House adjourn 'til Thursday March
 12 at the hour of 12 noon. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed
 say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it.

 And he House is adjourned."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4195, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. First Reading of this House Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."