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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 June... correction... July 08, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #4 to House Bill 166, Floor Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 697, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1564; approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 166; approved for consideration, referred to the Order of Concurrence is House Bill 3444, House Bill 3765."

Speaker Turner: "(sic-The House will be in order.) Members are asked to be at their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Bob Vanden Bosch who is with the Concerned Christian American in Chatham, Illinois. Reverend Vanden Bosch is the guest of Representative Poe. 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."

Reverend Vanden Bosch: "Welcome to Springfield, everybody. I know you're excited to be here. Let's bow together in prayer. Father, how we come to You now and just... we're... we're rejoicing that we live in a nation in which we have more liberties and freedoms than any other nation in the world. How grateful we are to You for that and for You providing a nation such as this that has been blessed above all other nations as well. And Lord, we praise You for that. I'd ask that You give the Legislators wisdom today as they work together. Direct them, guide them. And Lord, I pray that You would just guide government here in the State of Illinois

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that would be able to come to solutions that are necessary for this state and that'll work well for the people of this state. Give each Legislator a sense of Your presence and Your leading as they work. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Bourne."

Bourne: "Thank you. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Demmer, Meier, Morrison, Phillips, and Sosnowski are excused."

Speaker Turner: "With 110 Members present, a quorum is established. Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Butler: "Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of things in this world that we don't agree on. There's a lot of things in this chamber that we don't agree on. I think one thing that we can agree on was there was a group of women on Sunday that brought together our nation. And when the U.S. Women's Soccer Team won the gold cup on Sunday, I think it was a great point of national pride for this country. And I, myself, to see the leadership and just the sheer guts and determination that these folks had as they brought home the World Cup was

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absolutely outstanding. I think we can all take from their example and see what they did. We're proud as a country for them. I would tell my colleagues though, I introduced a Resolution yesterday, HR637, and I know there's some other folks that talked about a Resolution that congratulates these... this team. And I would encourage everyone to sign on. This is a great thing for our country. And one of my favorite... one of my heroes... I'm wearing a shirsey tonight of Abby Wambach, and she's been a stud for the last several World Cups. She is awesome. So, go USA. It's a wonderful day on Sunday to see us win the World Cup. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Go Team USA. Representative Will Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davis, W.: "I just wanted to ask Representative Sandack a question. When the Chair said Roll Call, I heard that you pressed green... I saw you press green. So does that mean you're ready to vote 'yes' on something?"

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sandack."

Sandack: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Sandack: "In response to the fine Gentleman from Homewood, I am. I'm ready to vote 'yes' on a real property tax Bill. I'm ready to vote 'yes' on term limits, fair maps. I'm ready to vote 'yes' on the real Turnaround Agenda to fix our state. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Turner: "The Chair recognizes Leader Bellock."

Bellock: "Oh. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I just wanted to reiterate what Representative Butler had spoken about,

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'cause I had talked about a Resolution, too. And I want to thank him for bringing that forward. And on behalf of all the women, especially in the United States, to win, I think this is their third title. And for all of us who have played soccer before or have children or grandchildren that have played it, especially women, we just want to salute all of them for their major, major accomplishment. And the whole world to view that is really a special thing. Thank you."

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

Hernandez: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Hernandez: "I'm just wanting to ask all Members of the General Assembly to help me wish our colleague, Cynthia Soto, a happy birthday."

Speaker Turner: "Happy birthday, Representative Soto. Representative Andersson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Andersson: "Since it is 'Ask Ron Sandack Day', I did have one question for him. I know that last week he was looking for a letter. And I'm just wondering, did he ever get the letter?"

Speaker Turner: "You check with him at his desk, Representative. Representative Pritchard, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Pritchard: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

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Pritchard: "Mr. Speaker, in the gallery we have Ashley Harris, a University of Illinois Springfield senior who is graduating here at the end of the month, I think, in political science. She has been studying the Legislature and following many of us. Give her a warm welcome."

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

Moylan: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Moylan: "Yes. And I have a special announcement. This week we had... it's Kelly Burke's birthday. Happy birthday, Kelly Burke."

Speaker Turner: "Hey, happy birthday, Representative. Representative Phelps, for what reason do you seek... Representative Brady, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Brady: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Brady: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, please join me in welcoming my district office secretary director, Miss Jane Chamberlain, who is up in the gallery here to my right. Please give her a nice Springfield welcome. Welcome, Jane."

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

Harris, D.: "A personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Harris, D.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, as you know, the Legislative Research Unit is hosting a conference for the Legislative

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Assistants in our district offices. Many of them are here today, as is my district office assistant. And I'd like you to give her a good welcome, Rikki Greenberg, up in the gallery today. Thank you very much."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Wehrli: "I would like to also welcome my Legislative Assistant from my district office from Naperville, Maureen Juhas has joined us here in the gallery today."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. Welcome to Springfield. The Chair recognizes Representative Costello."

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Costello: "I would also like to recognize my in-district assistant, Patsie Hopkins, who's right over my shoulder here. Patsie, if you'll stand up."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Personal privilege?"

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Batinick: "I'd like to continue the roll and welcome Deb Kraulidis, a fine Legislative Aide from the 97th District. And wish my wife, who's watching on the computer, a happy 40th birthday back at home. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Happy birthday. Thank you, Representative. I know we have a lot of Legislative Assistants in town today,

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so we'd like to welcome them all to the Capitol and save a few people a chance on the lights. Thank you. We appreciate all your assistance. And anyone else in the gallery, for that matter. Representative Hammond, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Hammond: "I would like to also welcome to the Capitol today my Legislative Aide, up in the chamber behind me to my left, Cheyenne Kargol."

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

McDermed: "Is it mine?"

Speaker Turner: "There you go."

McDermed: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

McDermed: "My Legislative Aide from my district office, my longtime friend, and the person I couldn't live without, Kathy Hilton, is here today."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Andersson, for a second point of personal privilege?"

Andersson: "Thank... second point of personal privilege. Thank you. I just also want to welcome my Legislative Aide, Michelle Myers, and her husband Jamie Myers, up in the gallery."

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

Tabares: "I just want to also welcome my district office staff who are down here in Springfield. Want to give them a warm

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welcome. They're up in the gallery. Carlos Pike and Michael Normoyle."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Frese."

Frese: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Frese: "Welcome two wonderful women to my right hand, Lindsay Walkley and Rachel Tabor. Welcome to the Capitol."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to welcome my L... LA, Tabitha Meador. Tabitha Meador, from my office in S... Salem, Illinois."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. Representative Winger."

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Winger: "I'd like to welcome my Legislative Assistant, Joanne Ruty, directly behind me. A warm welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Poi... point of personal privilege. I'd like to introduce to the House my Legislative Aide, Annette Harley, who is in the gallery joining us today. Please give her a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Leader. Representative Leitch."

Leitch: "Personal pri... privilege, please?"

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Leitch: "My Legislative Assistant retired, so she's not here, but she still continues to work. Thank you."

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

Lilly: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Lilly: "I'd like to welcome our newest member of the 78th District to the... Springfield and the General Assembly here, Peggy Johnson. Give her a... a warm welcome."

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

Sandack: "Thank you. A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. I, too, have..."

Speaker Turner: "Please..."

Sandack: "...thank you. I, too, have my Legislative Assistant. Stand up, Lynn Bila. Lynn Bila is up in the crowd over me. And thank you for all you guys. Keep clapping, right? We're... we have visitors here, right? And I still didn't get that letter, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Senate Bill... on Senate Bills... on the Supplemental Calendar, under Senate Bills on Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 2038. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2038, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2040. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2040, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clork... Clerk, on the Supplemental Calendar on the... Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on July 08, 2015: recommends be adopted Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3444. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on July 08, 2015: recommends be adopted Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3765, as well as Senate Joint Resolution 4 and Senate Joint Resolution 5. Representative Dan Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on July 08, 2015: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 2038 and Senate Bill 2040."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Crespo: "I'd like the... the floor and the House to acknowledge my good friend, my district manager, and a former Marine, Lenard Henderson. Lenard, thank you for joining us today."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. On the Supplemental Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have Senate Joint Resolution 4, Representative Bennett. You can proceed, Representative Bennett."

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Bennett: "Tha... thank you, Mr. Chair. This is a Joint Resolution to rename the highway of a small town between Rankin and Cissna Park and is named after a gentleman, Gary Scott, a new highway we want to name this after. Yeah, he was a U.S. Marine that was killed back in 1983. When we had an attack in Beirut, back when Reagan was President, and they had a 200 and some number of U.S. Marines that were killed and he was one of those. So we ask the approval to move forward to rename the highway between two small towns in my district and... and name it the Gary Scott new highway, if we could."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 4. 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 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House adopts Senate Joint Resolution #4. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Joint Resolution 5, Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution 5 is regarding a young man who was from DuPage County who was a county board member, JR McBride, who, at the age of 34, was diagnosed with brain cancer. And during his 13 last years before his death, he went through four brain surgeries, had five children, and continued to serve on the DuPage County Board for eight years. He was recognized by Democrats and Republicans throughout the state. There... he was honored on the floor of the House of Representatives by Representative Roskum and Representative Foster. And he was

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a young man with courage and honor and served with honor throughout his entire years and then serving every charity there was practically in the State of Illinois. So we're here today to honor him and ask, the DuPage County residents and the people of his area have asked, that the bridge near where he grew up and where he lived at Route 53 and Roosevelt Road be named the JR McBride Bridge. And I ask you, Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House, respectfully, to vote in honor of this Resolution, and in honor of a young man with courage who died just recently, but lived his moment of his life as joyous as he did from the very beginning. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Costello."

Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Body. When Representative Bennett just spoke a few minutes ago, I know everybody's trying to get out of here as soon as possible, but we were talking about someone who gave their life for our country in service to our country and that's Sergeant Gary Scott who was killed in the bombing of Beirut. I just think it's only fitting that we take a moment of silence to recognize this individual who served our country with graciousness."

Speaker Turner: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Representative. Representative Strand... Sandack, are you speaking to Senate Joint Resolution #5? Please proceed, Representative."

Sandack: "Thank you. To the Resolution. There isn't any proper way to follow up Representative Bellock's comments about JR McBride. I will share one thing with you. Anyone that knew him, and there's plenty of people on both sides of the aisle

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here in DuPage County that... from DuPage County that knew JR. He didn't play partisan games. He was the real deal. One of the most impressive things about him was he knew he was sick, and for 13 years he went through multiple brain surgeries, multiple surgeries, watched his kids grow up. He never once complained about his situation, not once. His incredible bravery was something to behold, if you knew him. He took life on as it... as it existed. He was happy. He was smart. He was a great family man. He was a wonderful father. He was a fantastic county board member. He lived vigorously and purposefully and he never once complained about his station in life. He died as he lived, an absolutely impeccable, honorable person. He will be missed by many. And I think this Resolution honors his memory and his service to DuPage County, which was in all respects fabulous and memorable. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "The Chair recognizes Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd like to thank Representative Bellock for bringing this forward. And I'd like to say that I'm very proud that JR McBride was my cousin. Loved him very much. My family loved him very much. And when Representative Sandack says that he wasn't a partisan person, that's very true. As the first... one of the first Democrats to come out of the closet in DuPage County, my cousin was very proud of me. And he supported me 110 percent, not to mention his mother is a very strong Democrat. We miss him very much, and we love you, JR."

Speaker Turner: "The Body will take a brief moment of silence. Thank you, Representatives. Leader Bellock moves that the

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House adopt Senate 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? Representative Burke. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Joint Resolution 5, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. On Supplemental Calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, we have House Bill 3444, Representative DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3444. And the Amendment adds an administrative hearing proceeding that will help determine whether an officeholder is in arrears before he or she can be removed from office for being in arrears to the municipality he or she serves. Senate Amendment #1 is intended to save all parties the cost of litigation by helping to determine whether the officeholder is indeed in arrears before reaching the courts. I ask for your 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves that the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3444. 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 107 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3444. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 624, offered by Representative Welch. House Resolution 626, offered by Representative DeLuca. House Resolution 628, offered by

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Representative Brady. House Resolution 629 and 630, offered by Representative Meier. House Resolution 631, offered by Representative Acevedo. House Resolution 632, offered by Representative Kelly Burke. House Resolution 633, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 634, offered by Representative Hammond. House Resolution 635, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 636, offered by Representative Bradley. And House Resolution 638, offered by Speaker Madigan."

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. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, pursuant to House Joint... House Joint Resolution 85, the House will adjourn until Thursday, July 9 at the hour of 9:30 a.m., or until the call of the Speaker."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution 89, offered by Representative Moffitt, and House Joint Resolution 90, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."