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Speaker Hoffman: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in the prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield, Illinois. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and for the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most gracious and most sovereign God in Heaven, the God of all wisdom, all power, the God of all presence, and the God of all creation, we invoke your blessings today upon this august Assembly, upon the Speaker of this great and lustrous House, upon its Leaders, all of its Members, all of their families, and upon all of its staff. May they be empowered today with your wisdom, that they not lack understanding or knowledge. May they be led by your spirit, that they not be confused or misguided. May they find strength in you today, oh God, that they not feel weakened or exhausted. I pray that your grace, your mercy, that your peace be with them and upon them all this day. This we kindly pray in your name, Amen."

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

Zalewski - 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 Hoffman: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Greenwood is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle. Leader Greenwood."

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Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record show that Representatives Conroy, Crespo, and Representative Ammons are excused today."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Batinick is recognized to report excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle. Leader Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect, on National Thumb Appreciation Day, that Representative Sommer, Ozinga, Stephens, David Friess, Dan Caulkins, Sosnowski, Morrison, Niemerg, McLaughlin, Luft, and Wilhour are excused."

Speaker Hoffman: "Have all voted who wish? Have all recorded them who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 95 Members being present on the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Robinson, Chairperson from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT reports the following committee action taken on February 17, 2022: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5165. Representative Halpin, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on February 17, 2022: do pass Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 4406, House Bill 4740, House Bill 4924, House Bill 4926, House Bill 5171, House Bill... do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4622, House Bill 4646, House Bill 5080, House Bill 5447, House Bill 5458, House Bill 5472; do pass as amended Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 1859, House Bill 4488, House Bill 5295; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4209. Representative Conroy, Chairperson

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from the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the following committee action taken on February 17, 2022: do pass as amended Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 4700. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal, in the morning, reports the following committee action taken on February 17, 2022: do pass Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 5525; do pass Short Debate is House Bill 3465, House Bill 4305, House Bill 5072. Representative Slaughter also reported from the Judiciary - Criminal committee on February 17, 2022, in the afternoon: do pass Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 3303; do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5273; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4296. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on February 17, 2022: do pass Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 5471; do pass as amended Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 4493. Representative Mah, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on February 17, 2022: do pass Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 4667; do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4929, House Bill 5031, House Bill 5456, House Bill 5465; do pass as amended Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 5012. Representative Guzzardi, Chairperson from the Committee on Housing reports the following committee action taken on February 17, 2022: do pass Consent Calendar is House Bill 5513. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action

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taken on February 16, 2022: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 3296, House Bill 4316, House Bill 4548, House Bill 4716, House Bill 4994, House Bill 5032, House Bill 5062, House Bill 5193; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 82. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 677, offered by Representative Scherer, is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Hoffman: "Members, for the purpose of an announcement. This is a reminder of House Rule 51.5. Please remember to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth. Face coverings may be removed when speaking on the microphone at your desk. To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, we ask that Members refrain as much as possible from eating or drinking on the House Floor and refrain from congregating in groups. We ask that all Members take these directives seriously to keep fellow Members and staff safe. Again, please remember to wear a face covering, pursuant to House Rule 51.5. Face coverings may be removed when speaking on the microphone at your desks. Thank you. Representative West, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

West: "A point of personal privilege, Sir."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

West: "I want to ask the Body to help me wish my seatmate, the Honorable Jonathan Carroll, a happy birthday on today."

Speaker Hoffman: "Happy birthday, Jonathan. Representative West, for the purpose of Black History Month, do you have a presentation? Please proceed."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As all of you are aware, I hail from the City of Rockford. And today I'm especially honored and proud to... for the Black History Month reading. I would

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like to recognize a man whose history is so closely linked to Rockford. That man is the original founder of Rockford, a former slave and forever a founder of Rockford, Illinois, Lewis Lemon. Lewis Lemon was born in 1812 in North Carolina as a slave. As a child slave in the South during the early 1800s, Lewis had little hope for his future. However, at age 17, he was sold for \$450 to a businessman named... I won't name him. And this twist of fate led Lewis on a path that would help him make history. Shortly after purchasing Lewis, the master found... followed his brother to Galena, Illinois to seek out business opportunities. After arriving in Galena, Kent and Lewis met a man by the name of Thatcher Blake, and together they decided to travel to Rock River Valley looking for a location to start a lumber mill. The men traveled by canoe to the Pecatonica & Rock Rivers, Lewis doing much of the hard manual labor, and eventually found a location on the west bank of the Rock River to settle. In August of 1834, these men began what became the City of Rockford. During this time, Lewis Lemon reached an agreement with Kent that if he worked off an equivalent of \$800, plus 10 percent interest, Kent will grant him his freedom. Determined and unwavering, Lewis worked diligently for his freedom and became a free man in September 1839. After becoming a free man, Lewis Lemon stayed in Rockford and eventually established himself with a small shack and a vegetable garden near what is now Kilburn Street. He continued to work as a truck farmer, growing vegetables for Rockford residents until he passed in 1877. The Old Settlers Society paid for and held a funeral for Lewis Lemon, and his grave stone currently resides in Greenwood

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Cemetery. It is thanks to the hard work of Lewis Lemon that Rockford was settled in 1834 and chartered as a city in 1852. He worked hard for Rockford, but more importantly, for himself to become a free man in the United States before the Civil War. Lewis Lemons' story is one that tells us not only how Rockford was founded but how much we can overcome and accomplish in our lives. If he could be born a slave, find a great city, and die a free man, our obstacles can be overcome and we can reach our goals. That is why I am proud to recognize Lewis Lemon as a founder of Rockford during this Black History Month. Thank you so much."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education Committee that was scheduled for 1:00 has been canceled today."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 676, offered by Representative Batinick."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Greenwood moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Greenwood moves that the House stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 22. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill

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5699, offered by Representative McLaughlin, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5700, offered by Representative Demmer, a Bill for an Act concerning government. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First... Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2951, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 3005, offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 3108, offered by Representative Yednock, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 3867, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 3893, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 3915, offered by Representative Stava-Murray, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Correction of the Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges Committee Reports. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on February 15, 2022: do pass Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 4105, House Bill 4274, House Bill 4284, House Bill 4481, House Bill 4528, House Bill 4990, House Bill 5026, House Bill 5078, House Bill 5263, House Bill 5328, House Bill 5400, House Bill 5581; do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4168, House Bill 4230, House Bill 4590, House Bill 4734, House Bill 4849, House Bill 5105; do pass as amended Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 4608; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 5439. Committee Reports. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance

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reports the following committee action taken on February 17, 2022: do pass Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 4228, House Bill 4362; do pass Short Debate is House Bill 448, House Bill 726, House Bill 4126, House Bill 4132, House Bill 4161, House Bill 4547, House Bill 4607, House Bill 4785, House Bill 4820, House Bill 5287, House Bill 5532, and Senate Bill 1711; do pass as amended Short Debate Consent Calendar is House Bill 4278; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4326. Representative Ammons, Chairperson from the Committee on Small Business, Tech Innovation, and Entrepreneurship reports the following committee action taken on February 17, 2022: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4993, House Bill 5575. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on February 17, 2022: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5110. Second Reading of Bills on the Consent Calendar - Second Reading - First Day. House Bill 260, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 568, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4114, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4261, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4348, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4410, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4412, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4489, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4568, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4572, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 4639, a Bill for an Act concerning manufactured home dealers. House Bill 4644, a Bill

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for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4665, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4666, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5501, a Bill for an Act to revise the laws by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. Second Reading of these House Bills. They'll be held on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."