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Speaker Andrade: "The House will come to order. Members will be in their chairs. Attention, please. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Pastor of Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. 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. Pastor Lee Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. All mighty and sovereign God, who are the author and the finisher of our faith, the giver and sustainer of our life. You, oh God, are the only and true righteous law giver who grants its justice full of mercy and full of compassion. We come before you asking your blessings upon this august Assembly. May your blessings of strength and guidance be upon the Speaker of this illustrious House, be upon its esteemed Leaders, be upon its honored Members, and upon his staff. We pray today that you would grant them wisdom to make wise and thoughtful decisions. Decisions that help us, not hurt us. Decisions that heal us, not harm us. Decisions that uplift us, and not lower us. And decisions that unite us, not divide us. May they all be divinely inspired to rightly execute the judgements and the laws to be ethical and fair. May they represent your truths properly and all manners in all they do. May they legislate effectively, and may they govern with all humility. This we pray, in your name, Amen."

Speaker Andrade: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Elik."

Elik - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

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one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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

Greenwood: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that, on the Democratic side of the aisle, Representatives Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, Kelly Cassidy, and Representative Anna Moeller are excused today."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Welter is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representatives Caulkins, Bennett, and Morrison are excused for the day."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Greenwood is recognized."

Greenwood: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Barbara Hernandez is also excused for the day."

Speaker Andrade: "Will be noted. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 107 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on March 8, 2022: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolutions 53, 57, 65, 66, 67, 70, and Senate Joint Resolution 15. Representative Willis, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee action taken on March 8, 2022: recommends be adopted

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is House Resolution 549. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on March 8, 2022: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 616 and House Resolution 649. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on March 8, 2022: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 64 and Senate Joint Resolution 29. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on March 9, 2022: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4332; recommends be adopted is House Resolutions 634, 643, 651, and 675. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 718, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer; House Resolution 719, offered by Representative Swanson; House Joint Resolution 76, offered by Representative Bennett; and House Joint Resolution 77, offered by Representative Swanson, is referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 3645, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. First Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Greenwood."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Representative Charlie Meier be allowed to participate and cast his vote remotely."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Greenwood has a made a Motion that Representative Charlie Meier be allowed to participate and cast his vote remotely. This is a roll call vote. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open."

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk, take the record. On this Motion, there are 81 voting 'yes', 15 voting 'no', and 6 voting 'present'. And the Motion is adopted. Representative Costa Howard, for what reason do you rise?"

Costa Howard: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Costa Howard: "Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. This past Sunday I was invited to the DuPage County Historical Museum for an extraordinary program titled 'Recognizing Trailblazers: Confident and Courageous Women Who Have Shaped DuPage'. This program honored several distinguished veterans and community leaders who have helped shape the history of our county. And I was really deeply moved to hear some of the stories of these exceptional women. The women that were honored on Sunday were Military Police Officer Sonia Falk. She is a mother, a community volunteer. She served 13 years in the United States Army and was awarded 8 Army commendations. Four Noncommissioned Officer of the Month awards, expert marksmanship, and a combat service medal for military service. Lieutenant Colonel Mary Reed, a retired R.N., mother, grandmother, who served 20 years in the United States Air Force. She was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon. Petty Officer Third Class Lynetta Smith, an entrepreneur, as well as mother and a grandmother, who served five years in the United States Navy and earned the Great

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Lakes Navy Hospital Corps Certification. But the woman I really want to highlight today was Lance Corporal Sonya Ebhotemen. She served four years in the United States Marine Corps. She's a mother, a grandmother, and a certified pier specialist support counselor at the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital. And this woman founded the Confident and Courageous Women's Program, a recovery group for women veterans that is gaining national attention. This empowerment group, which Sonya founded on the idea that, by working to improve our communities, we develop confidence in ourselves as leaders and gain the courage to raise our voices on behalf of our neighbors and ourselves as well. The women veterans in these programs develop programs on their own, finding ways to align their own personal interests and beliefs with the needs of the communities that they live in. And as part of that program, they learn a wide range of skills that equip them to be strategic thinkers and effective advocates for their chosen program. Through her work with Confident and Courageous, Sonya has supported women veterans as they have made important contributions to their communities through a wide range of volunteer activities, including book clubs, equine therapy, community gardens, and a support system to one another. Lance Corporal Sonya Ebhotemen service to our veterans and to our country is inspiring. She is truly a trailblazer whose work is making lasting changes in our communities and shaping the lives of not... of women, not only of those who served in our nations Armed Forces, but for future generations as well. As Sonya said to us on Sunday, one of the things about this program that means so much to

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her is because, the Confident and Courageous women, we will leave no woman behind. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Stoneback, for what reason do you wish to be recognized?"

Stoneback: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed, Representative."

Stoneback: "Thank you. I rise today to announce the formation of the bipartisan and bicameral Illinois Assyrian Caucus. The caucus will bring together Members of the General Assembly to advocate for Illinois' Assyrian community and educate the public on the contributions of Assyrian Americans to our state. With a unique ethnic and religious background, Assyrians have been a target of persecution, forced relocation, and genocide throughout their history. As a result of their suffering, there is a large Assyrian diaspora across the world, with over 600 thousand living in the United States and 80 thousand Assyrian Americans living throughout Illinois. I am proud to represent a large Assyrian population in my district and appreciate all it has to offer. The Assyrian community enriches my district by offering generations of proud tradition and shared values. I'm honored to be a founding Member of this Caucus, and we hope you will consider joining us in the formation of the Illinois Assyrian Caucus. Thank you."

Speaker Andrade: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Is Representative Meier present?"

Meier: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Meier is present."

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Speaker Andrade: "Leader Mazzochi, for what reason do you wish to be recognized?"

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

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since I arrived at the General Assembly, I have been an advocate for reform and change. For government that's working for the people, not the political insiders. Today the man that almost all of you willing, and often times repeatedly, voted to give the power of the Speaker's gavel is being indicted on charges tied to the abuse of that power. There are Bills this Legislative Session that you could've put your names on to prove that you're willing to be a real voice for change. Instead, all those Bills have been blocked. How about House Bill 2559, trying to end aldermanic privilege? Aldermanic privilege on zoning has been the repeated source of pay-to-play scandals in Illinois for decades. The Madigan indictment specifically names Alderman A's position as Chairman of the Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards as part of the Madigan conspiracy. The indictment specifically says that Alderman A said about Company C, in connection with zoning and permit approvals, 'I think they understand how this works. You know, the quid pro quo, the quid pro quo.' Madigan said, 'Okay, very good.' You want to end the corrupt quid pro quo with zoning? You can start by ending aldermanic privilege. Here's another issue raised by federal indictments and guilty pleas. Red light cameras. The last time this chamber voted to end red light cameras, Mike Madigan played a shell game with the Senate so that you could all tell the people back home you voted against

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red light cameras while no Bill actually stopping them managed to pass. HB4102 gives the people at home some relief. They don't have to pay if the camera was tainted with public corruption. Not a single Democrat is apparently interested in that Bill. How about HB2929? That legislation says that you can't use your campaign funds to defend yourself in a civil corruption case or a criminal case. It got assigned to a committee and the Democratic Chairman refused to let it come forward for a vote. I ask everyone in this chamber to join me in standing for real reform and ending practices that have brought massive corruption and scandal to our state. Today should be a new day. Well, let's disband the old ways, let's... that have giving political insiders all of this power and privilege and personal gain. Personal gain for a select few at the expense of the people of Illinois. Those on the other side of the aisle, I'd like to ask you to join these Bills as a cosponsor. You're not even actually paying attention. You're just chattering amongst themselves, which is probably, again, part of the problem we see in Illinois. But if you want to be a real voice and a real vote for change, I urge you to do so and sign on to some of these Bills. Because otherwise, you are status quo for the quid pro quo. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Evans in the Chair."

Speaker Evans: "On page 3, under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, we have House Resolution 697. Leader Gabel is recognized."

Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my honor to congratulate Morty Schapiro, the President of Northwestern University, on his retirement with this Resolution. He has

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been a transformational leader and has... has initiated a new era of active civic engagement with the City of Evanston. As you know, town and gown relationships can always be difficult, but Morty has made them incredibly productive. President Schapiro and his staff are in the Speaker's Gallery. If you could please stand. Please join me with a round of applause. We wish you a happy and productive retirement."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion on this Resolution? We have Leader Durkin for a discussion."

Durkin: "Yes. Thank you very much. To the Resolution. I have had the great privilege over the years of meeting with President Schapiro on various issues in Springfield. And he's truly a fascinating man. And let me just say that we all know a little bit about Northwestern University. But we know Northwestern University is one of the greatest institutions in the world, where students from all over the world are looking for that opportunity to enter into that university's campus. It speaks volumes of what that university does and what it means. But I will just say this, that even though it's one of the most prestigious universities in the world, I've seen more... I've seen all this. I've seen university presidents over years have been... they tend to be larger than life. And that's by their own volition, and they think that the university revolves around them. It's just the opposite with Morty, it shows it. It's President Schapiro, one of the greatest institutions and he goes by Morty. He insists upon that. We walked into other places which they insist upon the proper title, president this, president that. But he's Morty, and that's what makes that institution great and that's why he's

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such a great man. I will just say this, that we're going to miss you, Morty. The State of Illinois will miss you. And obviously the university will miss you. But just remember, universities just don't rest upon their own laurels, they rest upon and rely upon strong leadership. And that's why it's important for us to recognize, I would say, the strongest leader that I've witnessed at Northwestern University or any of our universities in Morty Schapiro. So, Morty, thank you. And as I said earlier, there's a lot of presidents who think that they're larger than life, but you may be one of the most humble, self-effacing, and I believe, good men who have run this institution. So, it's with great pleasure that I'm able to... to have said hello to you earlier. But I wish you well in the next chapter of your life. Thank you, sir."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Robinson, do you seek to be recognized?"

Robinson: "Mr. Speaker a point of personal..."

Speaker Evans: "One moment. We have to adopt the Resolution. One moment. Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of House Resolution 697. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Robinson."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Robinson: "Two years ago I learned that a hospital in the center of my district was closing in the midst of the throws of COVID. And I just want to take a moment to thank some individuals today that helped me keep that hospital open. I first would like to thank Speaker Welch, Representative

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Willis, Chairman Buckner. Those three individuals were the first people that I called when I learned of this hospital closure. And I want to thank the three of them for telling me that I could not allow Mercy Hospital to close. I also want to thank Representative Mah, who... this hospital served her community as well. You see, Mercy Hospital has been serving the black and brown community for 100 plus years. This hospital accepts anyone, no matter if they could pay or not. And so, Representative Mah and I stood in the midst of COVID, sacrificed our health, to keep this hospital open. In rain, sleet, and snow. I also want to thank Representative Ammons, who drove hours to stand with me, as well as Leader Harris. And I want to thank this Body for your calls to continue to fight to keep Mercy Hospital open. You see everyone deserves, in this great state, to have quality health care. And our safety nets and our critical access hospitals are under attack. And so, I ask this Body to work alongside of me to make sure that we do not have any hospital closures in this great State of Illinois. And so, again, I thank this Body for your support. On Monday I celebrated the fact that Insight Hospital, that took over for Mercy, is now allowing ambulances to come to that hospital. It was a very emotional day for me because it was one of the toughest challenges of my short career in this Body. But as Speaker Welch says, 'Winners do the work.' And so, again, I want to thank this Body for your support in keeping Mercy Hospital open. And again, I look forward to working with each of you to make sure that we do not allow any other hospital in this state to close. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Grant, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Grant: "Thank you, Speaker. You might be surprised that a State Representative from the Wheaton area would join the Assyrian Caucus. I recently hired my former intern to become a staff member in my district office. We were that impressed with them. Michael Kamber is my legislative assistant at my district office and is the reason I joined the Assyrian Caucus. He is a political science major student at Wheaton College, but more importantly, a first-generation Assyrian American from the Rogers Park neighborhood. When the news of the formation of Assyrian Caucus came to my office, Michael was very interested and happy that this population group be recognized. I joined in celebration of Michael's culture and desire to support his community. It is indeed an honor to represent Michael and his family here in Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing on page 4 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we House Resolution 56, offered by Representative Haas. House Joint Resolution 56, Representative Haas."

Haas: "Thank you, Speaker. House Joint Resolution 56 honors Jack Sikma who was born in Kankakee. He grew up in the town of Wichert and attended St. Anne High School. He played basketball all four years of high school and led his team to a fourth-place finish in the state tournament his senior year. Jack went on to play college basketball at Illinois Wesleyan, where he was named a three-time NCAA Division III all-star. He was also chosen by the College Conference of Illinois and

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Wisconsin as the Most Outstanding Player three years in a row. Later he was inducted into the D3 Hall of Fame, and the Small Schools Basketball Hall of Fame, and the College Sports Information Directors of America All-American Hall of Fame. In his last three seasons, Jack led his team to wins at the conference championship and NCAA tournament runs. Jack remains Illinois Wesleyan's all-time leading scorer and rebounder. In 1977 draft, Jack was a first round pick, going eighth overall to the Seattle SuperSonics. As a rookie, he played in the NBA Finals and was named to the NBA All-Rookie Team. The following season, he helped his team to a NBA Championship, scoring the final three points of the game to secure their victory. Jack had a very successful career playing for both the SuperSonics and the Milwaukee Bucks and was selected to seven consecutive NBA All-Star teams. On September 6, 2019, Jack Sikma was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. It seems only right to designate the portion of Illinois Route 1 from Wichert Road to St. Anne, where Jack got his start, as the 'Honorary Jack Sikma Road'. I'm proud that Mr. Sikma was born and raised in my district, and I'm excited to be able to honor him in this way. I ask for a favorable vote on this Resolution."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Haas moves for the adoption of House Resolution (sic-House Joint Resolution) 56. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. We have to do a vote for this Resolution. So, all those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Meier votes 'yes'."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared adopted. Continuing down page 4 of the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 60, Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 60 discusses the Veterans Buddy Check system. This was a system that was pioneered by the National American Legion. And what this Joint Resolution does is urges Congress to continue supporting the Buddy Check system nationwide. This system creates a network of which veterans can reach out and talk to fellow veterans and check on them during not only COVID but some of the veterans that are homebound and that can't get out to make sure that they are doing okay and that they have individuals to rely on. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Swanson for questions."

Swanson: "Just comment, Mr. Speaker, if I may."

Speaker Evans: "Please continue."

Swanson: "Thank you. I, too, support this Bill, as my name is up on the board. This is a very important Bill. It's something I practice on a routine basis. A Veterans Buddy Check. A buddy is someone who in the military referred to as that person we

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can share our thoughts with, whether it's something that is personal or whether it's something that happened back home or whether it's just something that you just want to talk to. The buddy in the military is that person you rely on and that person who is your best of friend. I continue using the process as a veteran. I have several veterans buddies who I call. It's not to call and talk private stuff. It's just to call and say, 'Hey, how are you doing? How's things going?' I'm not going to be a psycho analyst. I'm not going to go there with them. But it's just someone to say, 'Hey, I'm just following up to see how you're doing, wishing you well. Have a great day. Goodbye.' Something simple. I would encourage all Members to reach out to a veteran on a routine basis and just ask them... maybe it's a family member. But we do appreciate someone caring, we do appreciate somebody reaching out. So, I would encourage, too, an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative. Seeing no further discussion, Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 60. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Continuing on page 4, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 517, Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This Resolution is at a special request of the school psychologists to celebrate School Psychologist Awareness Week, which will be coming up this year from November 8 to November 12. I think we have known for a long time how important our student mental health is and how... how fragile it is right now as we come out

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of COVID. And I just want to make sure that we all give special recognition to our school psychologists and thank them for the services that they're giving. Thank you, everyone."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Mussman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 517. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Continuing down page 4 of the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 564, Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 564 recognizes the third Friday in March 2022 as 'FIRST Robotics Day' in the State of Illinois. FIRST is an international non-for-profit organization that promotes robotics education globally. In Oswego we have Garrett Forward who I was able to look at their astounding work that they do. It also recognizes the continuing importance of the National Science Foundation's math and science education program and encourages local school districts and other educational agencies to fund these after school robotics program. The Resolution encourages schools and educators to observe FIRST Robotics Day with appropriate activities that teach students about robotics and engage them in the study of mathematics and science. I appreciate the students that gave their testimony in committee and the students that work very hard for the robots that they used today. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of House Resolution 564. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion

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of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Members, an announcement. Session scheduled for Friday, March 11 has been canceled. Again, Session on March... on Friday, March 11 has been canceled. Leader Demmer, for what reason do you seek to be recognized?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Demmer: "I'd just like to welcome to the Capitol and to the Illinois House chamber today some visitors who I... I've been working with on a House Resolution 504. We have Representatives today from the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Tribe. They've been working with me on a Resolution related to the area around the Village of ShaHona in southern DeKalb County in my district and some of the federal action that was taken over 170 years ago where the Federal Government sold land improperly. So, we've been working to try to get some resolution of that on a federal level. And we appreciate them being here today. And look forward, this afternoon, to debating that Resolution in committee. And I want to say also, thank you to many Members on both sides of the aisle who have been supportive. So, welcome to the Illinois Capitol and thanks for being here."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Haas, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Haas: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Haas: "Today we have some special guests with us in Springfield. They're still actually in the Senate. We had hoped to have them in the gallery with us. But they're here today in

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Springfield because they were part of a press conference earlier today. Unfortunately, these guests now belong to a group that no one wants to belong to. They were here representing the wives of those who have lost their police officer spouses in the line of duty. Many of you may remember me speaking on the floor just a few short months ago about the murder of a police officer in my district. Sergeant Marlene Rittmanic was killed in the line of duty while on a routine police call and her partner was seriously wounded. Lyn Stua, the wife of Bradley Sergeant Rittmanic, was with us today. Along with Lyn is Amber Oberheim, widow of Champaign Police Officer Chris Oberheim, and their daughters Hannah, Avery, and Addison, and Aubree who wasn't able to be with us here today. Linsey Timmins, widow of Pontoon Beach Officer Tyler Timmins. And Dee Landers, widow of University of Illinois Lieutenant Aaron Landers, as well as many other family members and friends. The people that you saw in that press conference here today are the faces of the impact of the flawed laws that have been passed in the undercover of the night during last year's lame duck Session. We must do better by these people, by their loved ones, and by all of the citizens of this great state. Please join me in thanking these guests for being in Springfield, Illinois, for sharing their stories, and for their passion in helping this make this a better state, a safer state for all of us."

Speaker Evans: "Please rise for a moment of silence. Thank you. And thank you, Representative Haas. Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

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Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

McLaughlin: "Thank you. I would ask the Body to join me in reaching out to our Federal Legislators. Earlier this week, President Joe Biden had decided, rightfully so, to stop ordering Russian oil, which was a wonderful idea a bit late into the game. Illinois, for all of us that are unaware, has the second largest number in miles of pipeline in the country. Only second behind California. We need to open our domestic energy production immediately to drive down gas prices. Clean energy does not mean cleaning out the wallets of working families, which is what this four, five, and six dollar a gallon gas is doing. We can do both. We can walk and chew gum at both... at the same time. I am incredibly frustrated that our Federal Legislators do not understand that the Russian economy, 60 to 70 percent, is based on the price of a barrel of oil. Everything we do to drive up a barrel of oil makes the Russian economy wealthier, more embolden to invade NATO countries. So, please reach out to your Federal Legislators, ask them to open the pipelines now. We are not a third world country. We are blessed with resources. To not use those resources is harming working families and the lower-income families in Illinois. So, please join me in sensible energy regulation and demand our Federal Legislators and our Presidents open the pipelines now to help Ukraine to drive down a barrel of oil to harm Russia and to help our working families in Illinois. Thank you."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 720, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth."

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Speaker Evans: "Leader Greenwood moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Greenwood moves that the House stands adjourned until Thursday, March 10, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those 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. Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 9, 2022: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 1592 and Senate Bill 1534. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5721, offered by Representative LaPointe, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5722, offered by Representative Meyers-Martin, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these House Bills. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4332, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. It will be held on the Order of Second Reading. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1097, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1233, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1435, offered by Leader Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 3629, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 3663, offered by Representative

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Yednock, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."