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Speaker Andrade: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to meet together today in this august Body. As we enter the Capitol, surround us with your love. Lord, allow us to see your beauty, feel your love, know your wisdom, and experience your power. May we find the comfort we desire in you and the strength we need in your name. Surround us with your presence and be with us every hour of the day. May your love be the passion in our hearts, your joy be our strength when times are hard, and your presence be the peace that overflows in our lives. These things we pray, Amen."

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

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record show that Representatives Guerrero-Cuellar, Guzzardi, Kifowit, Mason, Moylan, and Slaughter are excused today."

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

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Welter: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representatives Stephens, Mazzochi, Morrison, Hammond, Lewis, Miller, and Bennett are excused for the day."

Speaker Andrade: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 104 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Representative Frese, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Frese: "Actually, it'll be a point of introduction. In December, we all said good bye to a colleague, my seatmate, Tim Butler. And I was surprised when I got the news that Representative Hoffman would be my new seatmate. Well, it's Representative Huffman. I would like everybody in the 102nd General Assembly to welcome Jason Huffman."

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

Huffman: "Just an introduction."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Huffman: "It's Jason Huffman, not Hoffman. I've been called both today. So, Jason Huffman, I'm from Athens. I'm a deputy sheriff in my day job for the Menard County Sheriff's Office. And just thank you, and I'm excited to be here."

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

Williams, A.: "For purposes of an introduction."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Of course, we will all miss Deb Conroy, who has moved on to exciting things in DuPage

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County. But I wanted to introduce my new seatmate, at least for a time, and it's Diane Blair-Sherlock. Welcome, Diane."

Speaker Andrade: "Representative Blair-Sherlock, for what reason do you rise?"

Blair-Sherlock: "A point of personal privilege. Just happy to meet everybody, and I look forward to working with you in this GA and the next."

Speaker Andrade: "Thank you. Welcome. Representative Luft, for what reason do you wish to be recognized?"

Luft: "Personal privilege."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Luft: "Thank you. We all know we've lost a longtime Member down here and a close friend of mine, Keith Sommer. I know he's not here to do this, but being my next-door neighbor, not my seatmate, but my next-door neighbor with our communities, I just wanted to take a moment so everybody could recognize his replacement. Representative Bill Hauter from Morton, who is on the floor now. So, let's welcome him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

Hauter: "Introduction."

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Hauter: "I'd just like to introduce myself. My name is Bill Hauter. I'm a physician in... from Morton, Illinois. I work as an anesthesiologist, which I specialize in both pediatric and adult cardiac anesthesia. And also, I'm an emergency physician as well, in my spare time. And I'm from Morton, Illinois, which is where Keith Sommer also is from. And I'm

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replacing him in the 88th, and then I will move on to the 87th, where I was elected in November. So, I will be moving on in the 103rd General Assembly. Keith is a man of quiet wisdom. And I've talked to a lot of you and you can attest that he was very quiet. But many of you have said he was quiet, but when he spoke, people listened to him because he had quiet wisdom. He's was a family man... he is a family man of great integrity, character, and faithfulness. And I'd like to have you join me in congratulating him on a great career and a awesome retirement, and as well thank him for his service to the communities in his district, his state, and his country. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Andrade: "Please proceed."

Avelar: "Thank you, everybody. Good afternoon. I wanted to also give a warm welcome to one of our newest Members, somebody that I've had the pleasure of working with for years prior to becoming a State Representative. So, I want the room and the floor to give a warm welcome to State Representative of the 4th District, Lilian Jiménez."

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

Jiménez: "Hi, everyone. Lilian Jiménez, glad to be here with you all and looking forward to getting to know everyone. Thank you so much."

Speaker Andrade: "Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on January 4, 2023: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is Senate Bill 1720; and approved for consideration and referred to the Order of Concurrence is House Bill 4215."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Greenwood for an announcement."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Democrats will request a caucus meeting immediately in Room 114."

Speaker Andrade: "The Democratic Caucus will caucus immediately in Room 114. Immediately. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1020, offered by Representative Brady. House Resolution 1022, offered by Representative Stephens. House Resolution 1023, offered by Representative Stephens. House Resolution 1024, offered by Representative Croke. House Resolution 1025, offered by Representative Moeller. House Resolution 1026, offered by Representative Harper. House Resolution 1027, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 1028, offered by Representative Yednock. House Resolution 1029, offered by Representative Frese. House Resolution 1031, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 1032, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. And House Resolution 1033, offered by Representative Windhorst."

Speaker Andrade: "Leader Hoffman 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 Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Leader Batinick, for what reason do you wish to be recognized?"

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Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a point of clarification for our side. Due to the heavy workload we had today, the Republicans will not be caucusing as previously planned."

Speaker Andrade: "Thank you. And now, allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Hoffman moves that House stand adjourned until Thursday, January 5, at the hour of 11:30 a.m. 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. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 4244, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of the Senate Bill. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5856, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5857, offered by Representative Stoneback, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5858, offered by Representative Stoneback, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5859, offered by Representative Stoneback, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5860, offered by Representative Spain, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5861, offered by Representative Stava-Murray, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5862, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5863, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5864, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5865, offered by Representative

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Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5866, offered by Representative Guzzardi, a Bill for an Act concerning government. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 1021, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 1030, offered by Representative Hammond. House Resolution 1034, offered by Representative Mayfield. House Resolution 1035, offered by Leader Durkin. These are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."