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Speaker Currie: "The House will come to order and the Members will please take their places. The Chaplain for the day is Pastor Denny Gibson of the Hirsher Christian Church in Hirsher, Illinois. Pastor Gibson is the guest of Representative Weller. All the guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us in the invocation. Pastor Gibson."

Pastor Denny Gibson: "Our everlasting Father, we come before You this afternoon truly grateful for the gift of life and Father, I am truly honored to be here to address You and may we all be reminded that Government was ordained by You and that we should come before You and we should continue to remember all our leaders in prayer. We're thankful for this Body. We pray that You might grant them wisdom in guidance as they make decisions that effect the people of the State of Illinois. Father, may we remember in praying to You as David did in the 25th Psalm, whenever he wrote to You, Oh Lord, I lift up my soul, in You I trust, Oh My God, show me Your ways, Oh Lord, teach me Your paths, guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are my God and my Savior and my hope is in You all day long. Remember not the sins of my youth in my rebellious ways, but according to Your love, remember me for You are good, Oh Lord. Father, remember us and help us to remember You, always. In Jesus name, I do pray. Amen."

Speaker Currie: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Wyvetter Younge."

Younge - 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 Currie: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative

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Granberg for excused absences."

Granberg: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, the excused absences for today are Representative Carol Ronen and Representative Monroe Flinn. For information of the Members, Representative Flinn is recuperating at home after having heart surgery last week. We believe he's doing all right, but I'm sure he'd appreciate any cards or phone calls and he'd be grateful to hear from you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Black in lieu of Representative Kubik for your caucus excused absences."

Black: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Bernie Pedersen is excused due to illness."

Speaker Currie: "Clerk take the record. One hundred fifteen answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Representative Kotlarz, are you ready to approach...to proceed with a Motion not to concur with Senate Bill 17, on page 4 of the calendar on the Order of nonconcurrency. No. Representative Sheehy, might you be ready to proceed with on the Special Order of Business, State Operations, Third Readings, Senate Bill 110. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 110, a Bill for an Act amending the Revenue Act of 1939. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Sheehy."

Sheehy: "Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 110, what it does it amends the Revenue Act. It provides that the County Treasurer shall insure that only those taxing districts in which a property is located shall appear on the property tax bill for that property. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Sheehy has moved for passage of Senate Bill 110 and on that Motion is there any discussion?"

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Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Biggins votes 'aye'. Have all voted who wish? Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm just kind of curious. Can somebody give me an explanation of what we're voting on? What is it?"

Speaker Currie: "I believe Representative Sheehy did. Perhaps Representative Sheehy, you would like to explain your vote, so that Representative Parke, who missed the explanation, can be caught up to date. Representative Sheehy. Representative Sheehy."

Sheehy: "All we're doing here is removing a line item from a tax bill. This is brought to my attention to my Senator. People in my district were being taxed for a piece of property that is not really in their district and we're just... The amount has been taken off the tax bill. My constituents are concerned that if we don't take the line item off, eventually it will resurrect itself and they'll be paying tax on this."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Well, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. In all due respect to the Chair, you'd have to have the best ears in the world to hear the original explanation and it always amazes me how in this chamber you can put 106 green votes up there. And I've got the file, so I've got the advantage. You've got 105 green votes up there and a Bill on the Board that says tax bills. Boy, there's a brilliant way to vote. All I would ask the Chair is, 'Hey, just slow it down and let's have a reasonable explanation of the Bill

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and then maybe we can vote with some degree of knowledge about what the Bill is.' What if I got up and told you this is an income tax increase of 100%?"

Speaker Currie: "Well, then of course you'd be wrong. Would you..."

Black: "Well, would I be wrong, but I'll betcha some of those green votes would come off there. Let's just relax when we first go into Session. There wasn't even 100 people on the floor. Now if you are going to persist in trying to run this thing the way you're doing it, I'm going to slow you down. Now just relax and let's explain the Bill. And everybody know what they are voting on. You want to see the file, come over here or go to Mark and see what's in it, but I'd be a little more careful about letting people vote my switch. There wasn't even 70 people on the floor when this Bill was called. It's ridiculous the way we do business around here."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Black, the Chair would like to point out that there were 115 people answering the Attendance Roll Call and I'm sure the Members would appreciate it if you would like to speak to the substance of this Bill. Representative Black to explain his vote."

Black: "More than...I'd be more than happy to explain the substance of this Bill. I'd also be more than happy to ask for a quorum call if you want me to about the 115 people that answered the roll call. Now if we want to get really technical about it, I can be just as technical as you. Now to the Bill. It's a very good Bill. It simply says, that if you have some kind of property taxing body and God knows we only have more of them in the State of Illinois, than any state in the country, by far, that if a property tax body no longer is in your district or levies a service in

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your district, that that tax item ought to come off your tax bill. By God, there's a revolutionary thought. I congratulate Representative Sheehy and I'm proud to vote for this Bill, but that's because I know what's in it."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Olson, one minute to you explain your vote."

Olson: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Is it too late for a question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Currie: "It is."

Olson: "Okay. To explain my vote. I'm wondering if this mandates some extra expense upon the County Treasurer's office of any particular county or taxing district? I'm not clear if there's any extra cost in here or are we mandating the expense of money and I didn't understand about the bit if the property is not in your district, it shouldn't be on the bill. I don't know what that means. Many people pay taxes, property taxes on a lot of property that are in their district. You can own tax...property across the state. I...I don't think that's what the explanation was, but I'm very confused. I'm gonna...this has problems with me."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Kubik to explain his vote for Representative Olson."

Kubik: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Representative Black is quite correct. This is a very good Bill. We ought to support this Bill. What this Bill basically does, is if a local taxing body essentially goes out of business or because of a border change or some reason, there is no need for that taxing body to be on the bill it allows the appropriate agencies to take that taxation body off of the bill. I don't see that it creates any new mandates or new expenses. I think this is a good solid, good government approach."

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It...it doesn't make sense to me that we should have a tax bill cluttered up with taxing bodies which are basically zeroed out, they don't even have a rate listed in their...in the explanation because they are not...they should not be on the tax bill, so I think it's a good Bill. We ought to support it, although I would agree with Representative Black. We ought to explain these Bills a little bit better."

Speaker Currie: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Bill there are 115 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'no' and this Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Introductions, First Readings."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2461, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Pension Code. First Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Currie: "Minority Leader, Daniels and Representative Biggins for purposes of an announcement."

Daniels: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wonder if I could have your attention for a short time. A short time ago, a short time ago the Illinois General Assembly was honored and privileged to receive one of the best cross country teams in the United States historically and now and that was York High School Championship Cross Country Team. Just a short time ago, the people and the residents of Elmhurst were proud to witness the York High School Baseball Men's Team win the State Championship and the State Championship Team is here with us today and I hope you'll welcome them to the Illinois General Assembly. As you all know our Assistant Clerk of the House, Terry McLennand, is a graduate of York

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High School and Terry is right here and Mark Hurley, a Member of our staff is a graduate of York and Representative Bob Biggins is from Elmhurst, Illinois and represents York High School and I represent the other part of Elmhurst, so we join today with a great deal of pride in the accomplishments of the young men behind us. Both Bob and I were at the game. A normal high school game lasts seven innings, this went to nine innings and the strength and stamina and the dedication and determination of this group of young leaders and people that we are very proud to witness in some very tense moments went on to beat a very fine team from a place down in another part of Illinois. Jerry Weller, where was that team from that lost to York High School? I think its from Morris, Illinois, so we're pleased today to have Coach Doug Melaney and Bob Ingleman with us today and maybe Coach, you'd like to say hello to the Illinois House? Would you rep...would you recognize and honor Coach Doug Melaney of York High School Baseball?"

Coach Doug Melaney: "Thank you very much. It's a...it's a privilege...okay, it's a privilege and it's an honor to be in front of you and have our Representatives of this great State of Illinois to take some time out to honor us. I really appreciate it and I'm very proud of each one of these boys. I will just mention their names very quickly. They'll raise their hand and if we could give them our recognition. I'm very proud of each and every one of them. We'll start from left right here. Justin Alpenny, John Shish, Rory Mura, Matt Whitten, Nathan Reese, Shawn Bennis, Nick Morse, can I see who's down over there, David Sloane, Larry Skidmore, David Myers, Jimmy Stamper, Peter Magus, Contack, John Contack, Tom Triplett, Chris Coglan, Jay O'Malley, Brad Schmidt, Jeff Dowl, Chris Raffan, Jason

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Krausefelt, Adam York. Who did I miss here? Jason Osbolts and John Ogborn. Thank you very much for your time. I appreciate it and have a wonderful day. Thank you."

Biggins: "Thanks and congratulations again, Coach. I want to welcome all the parents that came down with the team today. Parents, I've had the privilege of working with some of them, coaching some of these children when they were much younger and I could recognize them all by name, but thank you parents for coming down and thank you, team and the coach for also bringing the team down. Thank you."

Daniels: "And again, thanks to the Illinois General Assembly. If we could just have one last applause for the accomplishments of these young men in winning the state championship, so congratulations to a championship team."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Steczo in the Chair."

Speaker Steczo: "On the Order of Conference Committee Reports, appears Senate Bill 1096. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Burke."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Senate Bill 1096, I move to concur with the Conference Committee Report and urge its passage."

Speaker Steczo: "The Gentleman has moved that the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1096. On that question is there any discussion? Mr. Burke there's been a request that the provisions of the Conference Report be explained to the Members. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Burke."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Quite simply this Conference Committee Report would call for vocational schools to report their default rates. It's basically a consumer protection measure."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from

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Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Are my ears going bad or is there a high level of noise in this chamber? I get very nervous when I can't hear that silver tongued Gentleman from Chicago, Representative Burke and I didn't hear him."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr...Mr. Black, I think you've...this is the second time. You may want to see an ear doctor relatively soon."

Black: "I'm sorry, what? Oh, well let me...Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Steczo: "He indicates that he will."

Black: "Representative, this...the Conference Committee Report does not in anyway shape or form reduce the level of the monetary award program grant to those qualified? Correct?"

Burke: "That's correct."

Black: "It does...it does add some language about proprietary schools meeting the same standards? At one time I think there was some problems with that language, to the best of your ability is that both...excuse me...those problems been worked out?"

Burke: "To the best of my understanding, Representative, the concerns have indeed been worked out."

Black: "And the...basically the rest of the language just is there to put us in sink with federal law changes."

Burke: "That's correct."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much. Now, see, I could hear him that time, Mr. Speaker. It's by your presence in the Chair that has brought quiet to this Body, and, I thank you for that."

Speaker Steczo: "You're welcome, Mr. Black. Is there any further discussion? There being none, the Gentleman has moved for

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the adoption of the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1096. All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. 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 this question there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present' and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 1096 and this Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Rossi: "House Resolution 991, offered by Representative Lou Jones; House Resolution 1017, offered by Representative Erwin; House Resolution 1019, offered by Representative Erwin; House Resolution 1020, offered by Representative McAfee; House Resolution 1021, offered by Representative Lawfer; House Resolution 1022, offered by Representative Ronen; House Resolution 1023, offered by Representative Novak; House Resolution 1024, offered by Representative Erwin; House Resolution 1025, offered by Representative Erwin; House Resolution 1026, offered by Representative Prussing; House Resolution 1027, offered by Representative Prussing; House Resolution 1028, offered by Representative Prussing; House Resolution 1029, offered by Representative Prussing; House Resolution 1030, offered by Representative Prussing; House Resolution 1031, offered by Representative Black; House Resolution 1032, offered by Representative Lindner; House Resolution 1033, offered by Representative Erwin; House Resolution 1034, offered by Representative Zickus; House Resolution 1035, offered by Representative Moseley; House Resolution 1038, offered by Representative Davis; House Resolution 1039, offered by Representative Davis; House Resolution 1041, offered by Representative

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Giglio; House Resolution 1043, offered by Representative Tim Johnson; House Resolution 1045, offered by Representative Black; House Resolution 1044, offered by Representative Black; House Resolution 1046, offered by Representative Parcells; House Resolution 1047, offered by Representative Stroger; House Resolution 1048, offered by Representative Hicks; House Resolution 1049, offered by Representative Phelan; House Resolution 1051, offered by Representative Turner; House Resolution 1052, offered by Representative Tim Johnson; House Resolution 1054, offered by Representative Phelps; House Resolution 1055, offered by Representative Dart; House Resolution 1056, offered by Representative Saviano; House Resolution 1057, offered by Representative Black; House Resolution 1058, offered by Representative Black; House Resolution 1059, offered by Representative Stephens; House Resolution 1060, offered by Representative Black; House Resolution 1061, offered by Representative Black; House Resolution 1062, offered by Representative Black; House Resolution 1063, offered by Representative Capparelli; House Resolution 1064, offered by Representative Novak; House Resolution 1065, offered by Representative Zickus; House Resolution 1066, offered by Representative Kubik; House Resolution 1067, offered by Representative Kubik; House Resolution 1068, offered by Representative Speaker Madigan; House Resolution 1069, offered by Representative Tim Johnson; House Resolution 1071, offered by Representative Gash; House Resolution 1072, offered by Representative Balthis; House Resolution 1073, offered by Representative Steczko; House Resolution 1074, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy; House Resolution 1075, offered by Representative Hassert; House Resolution 1076, offered by Representative Hicks; House

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Resolution 1077, offered by Representative Hoeft; House Resolution 1078, offered by Representative Turner; House Resolution 1079, offered by Representative Novak; House Resolution 1081, offered by Representative Homer; House Resolution 1082, offered by Representative Stroger; House Resolution 1083, offered by Representative Tim Johnson; House Resolution 1084, offered by Representative Minority Leader Daniels; House Resolution 1085, offered by Representative Black; House Resolution 1086, offered by Representative Black; House Resolution 1087, offered by Representative Biggins; House Resolution 1089, offered by Representative Novak; House Resolution 1090, offered by Representative Turner; House Resolution 1091, offered by Representative Speaker Madigan; House Resolution 1092, offered by Representative Hawkins; House Resolution 1093, offered by Representative Dart; House Resolution 1094, offered by Representative Dart; House Resolution 1096, offered by Representative Dart; House Resolution 1097, offered by Representative Prussing; House Resolution 1098, offered by Representative Prussing; House Resolution 1101, offered by Representative Stroger; House Joint Resolution 53, offered by Representative Prussing. House Joint Resolution 54, offered by Representative Novak. Senate Joint Resolution 55, offered by Representative DeJaegher.

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Granberg moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Death Resolutions."

Clerk Rossi: "House Resolution 1036, offered by Representative Eugene Moore, with respect to the memory of Muriel Odetta Watkins. House Resolution 1037, offered by Representative

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Davis, with respect to the memory of Charles W. Brown. House Resolution 1040, offered by Representative Harold Murphy, with respect to the memory of Norman Hunter. House Resolution 1042, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, with respect to the memory of Allen Kemp Laing. House Resolution 1050, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, with respect to the memory of James Limna. House Resolution 1053, offered by Representative Ostenburg, with respect to the memory of Barbara T. Ryndak. House Resolution 1070, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, with respect to the memory of Ove Uggerby. House Resolution 1080, offered by Representative Dart, with respect to the memory of Emily LePinski. House Resolution 1088, offered by Representative Currie, with respect to the memory of Margaret Smith. House Resolution 1095, offered by Representative Dart, with respect to the memory of John J McEnree. House Resolution 1099, offered by Representative Lou Jones, with respect to the memory of Maurice Harrison Tynes. House Resolution 1100, offered by Representative Morrow, with respect to the memory of Charles Harris."

Speaker Steczo: "Representative Dunn moves for the adoption of the Death Resolutions. All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Death Resolutions are adopted. On the Special Order of State Operations, appears House Resolution 955. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Monique Davis. Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution is extremely important and based upon some agreements that were made in the committee to have it passed, I would ask to take this out of the record until tomorrow, when its drafted

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correctly."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady asks to take the Resolution out of the record. Representative Davis the...the following Resolution as well?"

Davis: "(House Resolution) 956 is fine."

Speaker Steczo: "On the Special Order of State Operations, appears House Resolution 956. On that the Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 956 is a Resolution that gives credence and importance to the fact that millions of African-Americans were forcibly removed from Africa between the 15th and 19th Centuries under unparalleled deplorable conditions. This Bill states that the middle passage was a chapter in America's history unknown to many in which the African slaves were transported by European and American Slave Traders into America and after giving all of this history, this legislation asks that the federal government...that the federal government that...we're requesting that the President and the Congress of the United States take necessary action to create a national commission to propose an appropriate commemorative monument in recognition of the millions of African Americans who lost their lives during the middle passage and slavery and also to honor the contributions of African American Slaves who survived to make the economic development of America, and, also we're ask that a copy of this be sent to our President Clinton and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress. We urge a favorable vote."

Speaker Steczo: "The Lady has moved for the adoption of House Resolution 956. On that question, the Chair recognizes the

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Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Steczo: "She indicates that she will."

Black: "Representative, can you clarify a point for me in this Resolution?"

Davis: "I'm sorry, Representative, I can't hear you."

Black: "Yes, could you clarify a point for me in this Resolution?"

Davis: "Yes, Sir, yes, very..."

Black: "There isn't anything in this Resolution asking for Reparations to be paid after an investigation?"

Davis: "Well, the Resolution that I had in committee asking for rep..."

Black: "Reparations."

Davis: "Reparations that we so honestly deserve. That Bill failed in committee."

Black: "Is this...is this the Resolution? I'm asking you this because I don't have a copy. I'm sorry."

Davis: "Okay."

Black: "Is this the Resolution you submitted then that calls for a monument, a proper recognition monument..."

Davis: "This is the one that asks the federal government to establish a Commission to decide on a monument. That's correct."

Black: "Okay. All right. Thank you very much, I appreciate your patience."

Davis: "You're welcome. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Is there any further discussion? There being none. All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 956 will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is

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adopted. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Coles, Representative Weaver for the purpose of an introduction."

Weaver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. If I can have your attention just for a moment, I'd like you to meet a young lady and her husband who run five separate schools of Tae Kwon Do, it's a Marshall Arts, and this young lady has set two worlds records, the most recently was done on Cathy Lee and Regis Show in a period of 60 seconds, she broke 224 one inch pine boards. She's a dangerous person, actually both of them are black belts, so I don't know if I'd give them a whole lot of trouble, but I'd like you to recognize this young lady. She will be, hopefully, represented in the Guinness Book of World Records here recently. Tina Newberry is her name."

Newberry, E: "Thank you very much, and I would just like to say that I'm very pleased to represent Illinois on the Regis and Cathy Lee Show and hopefully we'll get this accepted by the Guinness Book of World Records in the near future and I appreciate your time and I'd like to acknowledge Mr. Weaver for all of his help and his support in the young people back in Coles County. Thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "For what purpose does the Gentleman from Madison, Representative Stephens seek recognition?"

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are many of us on this side of the aisle who would like to know if there's going to be a demonstration using Representative Weaver as the victim of a Tae Kwon Do technique that led to this record? How does your side of the aisle vote?"

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Stephens, this side of the aisle probably would vote 'aye' and join the Republicans in a unanimous..."

Stephens: "I knew we finally went together on one issue this

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year."

Speaker Steczo: "Vote to see that demonstration. Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My name being used in debate is...did I understand you correctly, Representative? You wanted to use me as a guinee pig in nex demonstration? You're volunteering."

Stephens: "I volunteered you."

Weaver: "Oh, thank you."

Speaker Steczo: "Mr. Black do you have any comments about the Tae Kwon Do demonstration?"

Black: "No, I can't even pronounce that, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair and I'm joined by 10 of my colleagues in this inquiry on both sides of the aisle."

Speaker Steczo: "Please proceed, Mr. Black with your inquiry."

Black: "Thank you very much. Why is it so hot in here? Is the air conditioning broken and don't say what I think you're thinking."

Speaker Steczo: "I won't touch that line, Mr. Black."

Black: "Why, it's very warm in here. Perhaps you could talk with the building engineer."

Speaker Steczo: "We will do our best to look for the cause of the problem. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2462, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property. First Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Steczo: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Giglio. Representative Giglio has requested a Democratic Caucus. The Democrats will meet in Room 114 immediately. And Representative Giglio also moves that the House now stand adjourned until the hour of 12 noon tomorrow. All those in favor will signify by saying 'aye';

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those opposed by saying 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The House now stands adjourned till 12 noon tomorrow. Democrats will meet in Room 114 immediately."

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