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Tape malfunction.

Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session comes to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 185, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning public transportation. House Bill 186, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 187, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act regarding disabled persons. House Bill 188, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 189, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications, taxes, and fees. House Bill 190, offered by Representative Hoeft, a Bill for an Act in respect to schools. House Bill 199 (sic-191), offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act regarding the delivery of medical services in correctional institutions and facilities. House Bill 192, offered by Representative Mike Smith, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 193, offered by Representative Mike Smith, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 194, offered by Representative Mike Smith, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 195, offered by Representative Mike Smith, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 196, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act to amend the Humane Care for Animals Act. House Bill 197, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 198, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act with regard to education. House Bill 199, offered by Representative Mike Smith, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 200, offered by

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Representative Winkel, a Bill for an Act in relation to contributions to candidates, political committees, and public officials. House Bill 201, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act concerning the Office of the Secretary of State. House Bill 202, offered by Representative Garrett, a Bill for an Act regarding disabled persons. House Bill 203, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning home construction and repair fraud. House Bill 204, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning tourism. House Bill 205, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act in relation to nursing. House Bill 206, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act in relation to child support. House Bill 207, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act concerning unclaimed property. House Bill 208, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act in regard to vehicles. House Bill 209, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 210, offered by Representative Kenner, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 211, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning privacy. House Bill 212, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 213, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 214, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning income taxes. House Bill 215, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning counties. House Bill 216, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to schools. House Bill 217, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. House Bill

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218, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Procurement Code. House Bill 219, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to the transmission of drug information by the Internet. House Bill 220, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 221, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 222, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 223, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 224, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 225, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 226, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 227, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal procedure. House Bill 228, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 229, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 230, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 231, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to firearms. House Bill 232, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act in relation to horse racing. House Bill 233, offered by Representative Klingler, a Bill for an Act to amend the Pension Code. House Bill 234, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act to amend the Medical Practice Act. House Bill 235, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to

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public employee benefits. House Bill 236, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act in relation to children. House Bill 237, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 238, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 239, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning health examinations. House Bill 240, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act relating to pharmacies. House Bill 241, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning health services. House Bill 242, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act regarding education. House Bill 243, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance coverage. House Bill 244, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act in relation to public health. House Bill 245, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning health care for women. House Bill 246, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act in relation to medical practice. House Bill 247, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 248, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 249, offered by Representative Curry, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 250, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 251, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act making a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Human Services. House Bill 252, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 253, offered by Representative Curry, a Bill for an Act with regard to schools. House Bill 254, offered by

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Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 255, offered by Representative Curry, a Bill for an Act to amend the Conveyances Act. House Bill 256, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 257, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 258, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 259, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 260, offered by Representative Curry, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 261, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act in relation to civic centers. House Bill 262, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority. House Bill 263, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act in relation to local government. House Bill 264, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning managed care plans. House Bill 265, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 266, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 267, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 268, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act respecting schools. House Bill 269, offered by Representative Wojcik, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 270, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 271, offered by Representative Garrett, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 272, offered by

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Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 273, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 274, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act in relation to higher education. House Bill 275, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act in relation to disabled persons. House Bill 276, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning historic preservation. House Bill 277, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning unemployment insurance. House Bill 278, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 279, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning emergency medical dispatches. House Bill 280, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 281, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act in relation to medical care. House Bill 282, offered by Representative Garrett, a Bill for an Act concerning enterprise zones. House Bill 283, offered by Representative Curry, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. House Bill 284, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 285, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act in relation to government assistance. House Bill 286, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act in relation to crime victims and witnesses. House Bill 287, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 288, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 289, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning governmental ethics.

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House Bill 290, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 291, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 292, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 293, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act in regard to vehicles. House Bill 294, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 295, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act in regard to vehicles. House Bill 296, offered by Representative Garrett, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 297, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 298, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning humane care for animals. House Bill 299, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act in relation to the expungement and sealing of arrest and court records. House Bill 300, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act in relation to the expungement and sealing of arrest and court records. House Bill 301, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act in relation to the expungement and sealing of arrest and court records. House Bill 302, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act in relation to the expungement and sealing of arrest and court records. House Bill 303, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act in relation to the expungement and sealing of arrest and court records. House Bill 304, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 305, offered by Representative Dale Righter, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Finance Act. House Bill 306, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for

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an Act concerning military forces. House Bill 307, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 308, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 309, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act regarding taxation. House Bill 310, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 311, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 312, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 313, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning health care facilities. House Bill 314, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act concerning food animals. House Bill 315, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 316, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. House Bill 317, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning wireless telecommunications. House Bill 318, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. House Bill 319, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act relating to telecommunications. House Bill 320, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 321, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 322, offered by Representative Meyer, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 323, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 324, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning



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telecommunications. House Bill 325, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning school district reorganization. House Bill 326, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning teacher incentive and mentoring programs, which may be referred to as the Quality Teacher Incentive and Mentoring Program. House Bill 327, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 328, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act in relation to State government. House Bill 329, offered by Representative Curry, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. House Bill 330, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 331, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 332, offered by Representative Ron Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend... a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

offered by Representative Daniels.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Section 8.1 to Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

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THE LEGISLATURE

(ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 8.1 new)

SECTION 8.1. PASSAGE OF REVENUE BILLS

A bill that would result in the increase of revenue to the State by an increase of a tax on or measured by income or by an increase of a tax on or measured by the selling price of any item of tangible personal property may become law only with the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1."

Clerk Rossi: " Introduction and First Reading of House Bills.

House Bill 333, offered by Representative Jay Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 334, offered by Representative Jay Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 335, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. First Reading of this House Bill. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 30, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation: to the Committee on Higher Education, House Resolution 19, to the floor for consideration, House Resolution 22, House Joint Resolution 3, and Joint Session Resolution #1."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order.

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offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 352, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills."

Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the assistant pastor of the Victory Temple Church in Springfield. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Crawford: "Let us pray. Most gracious and kind father, sovereign God, we stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. So we take this moment to be silent before You, to honor You for the great love that You have bestowed upon us. For You have said that with love and kindness, have You drawn us. And with the love that is everlasting, regardless of our backgrounds, regardless of our differences, You have not held it against us. For righteous men, would one scarcely die, and for good men, would one not dare. But You loved us so that while we were yet sinners, You gave Your life, and we're thankful. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Hartke."

Hartke - 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 Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. We have no excused absences to report among House Democrats."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, let the record show that Representative Ron Stephens is absent today."

Speaker Madigan: "Let the re..."

Poe: "Excused absence."

Speaker Madigan: "Let the record reflect that excused absence...shall take the record. On this question, there are 116 people voting yes. Excuse me. On this question, there are 116 people responding to the Attendance Roll Call. There is a quorum present. Representative Garrett."

Garrett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On a note of personal preference, I would like the General Assembly to wish our colleague, Julie Hamos, a happy 52nd birthday. She looks much younger, it's true. And everybody is invited to come to her desk and have some Fannie May chocolates. Happy birthday, Julie."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker Madigan: "On Supplemental Calendar #1, there appears House Resolution #22. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you Speaker and Members of the House. House Resolution #22 contains the rule proposal for the 92nd General Assembly. It proposes several new committees. I'm sure you've all seen the list, but if you want to remind yourself, the list is on... starts on page 12. There are four technical changes, the rules proposed to make as well. Among them, when a committee chairman creates a subcommittee, notice goes to the House Clerk as well as the Committee Clerk. Motions to Table committee Amendments would go first to the Rules Committee rather than to the floor, so that the committee, the substantive standing committee, would have the opportunity to decide whether or

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not to lift an Amendment that they had put on that Bill when the Bill was in committee. Third, the current rules provide that 30 days before May 30th, Conference Committee Reports have a one hour time before they can be voted upon. Obviously, the intent was to say, for the last 30 days of Session, there should be a one hour wait for Conference Committee Reports. As you remember last year, we adjourned in April. All this change does is to say that there will be a 30-day period in which one hour notice is sufficient, rather than specifying it by date. And finally, the rules clarify what has been the House practice, with respect to Amendatory Veto Motions, showing that, for example, Motions to Override are always relevant and go directly to the Calendar and explaining precisely what control the Rules Committee has with respect to amendatorily vetoed Bills, that has no control over the Bill itself, merely control over the Amendatory Veto Motion. These were pretty much the rules that served us during the last biennium. And I would have to tell you, Members of this chamber, that I believe those Bills served us well, they made for a fair, effective, efficient and responsive operation of this House. Under these rules, Members of the Minority Party were treated fairly, Members of the Majority Party, backbenchers, were treated fairly as well. And if you look at the record from the last General Assembly, you will find that during that biennium, almost precisely, 50% of the Bills that moved out of this chamber were sponsored by Republicans, 50% were sponsored by Democrats. These are rules under which we can continue a spirit of cooperation and by partisanship, continue the spirit under which some of our committees, in fact, are equally divided. These are rules which will give us an opportunity to have open, full

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debate on the serious issues that face the people of the State of Illinois, and I urge all of the Members to join me in adopting House Resolution #22 as the rules of the 92nd General Assembly."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I'm... was trying to listen to the gentle Lady who was presenting probably one of the more important matters before the Illinois House which determines the structure of the House, the committee makeup, as well as the operation of the General Assembly for the 92nd General Assembly for the next two years. We all know, Mr. Speaker, that these rules determine how the House will operate and whether or not both sides of the aisle will be treated in a fair manner. Well, Mr. Speaker, earlier this month we both pledged that we would work together in a bipartisan manner to ensure that the politics of division no longer takes the forefront into conducting the people's business. We commend the verbal commitment to bipartisanship, for I too, meant every word when I said I would seek ways to assure the common good of the House and that common good take precedence over political arguments. But this commitment must be more than just words, it must be backed by deeds. Since we're both in agreement, I trust that you will listen carefully to our suggestions for improving our rules that guide the business of the House as you operate as the Speaker of the House and the millions of people of Illinois, and listen carefully to the words that are being said right now instead of conducting separate business with a Member that has little importance compared to the matter that's before us right now. So, Mr. Speaker, in that vein, the people have spoken and your caucus is in the majority. And of course, if your video camera

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equipment were on you right now, it would realize that you are not conducting the business of the House, but talking to another Member and discussing with him items that were not anywhere near as critical over the operation of the General Assembly for the next two years. But we will continue on, because these Members are important to us. We understand that you're in the Majority, and you can operate as such, but there are still 56 Members of our caucus, just 4 Members away from the Majority, and 3 Members from a tie. More importantly, these 56 Members represent millions of people of Illinois, millions of citizens, millions of citizens who deserve to be fully heard and to have their attention paid to them, yet these citizens' collective voices can be silenced by a single Member. One single Member from one single part of the State of Illinois can silence the collective majority of millions of citizens of the State of Illinois. When one single Member can effectively stop 117 others and the millions of people of this state who want a Bill debated, it's time to change the rules. Now I know that when we were in the Majority in 1995 and 1996, we had a similar rule in order to cut down on the number of frivolous motions that were being made. In hindsight, that was wrong then, and it's wrong now. No system of rules should disenfranchise people, yet that's exactly what we will do if we don't change our current rules. Case in point, last year on three separate occasions, a single Member decided that AARP, Circuit Breaker Expansion, shouldn't be debated on the floor. Can you imagine that? This Bill that impacted the prescription drugs, the license plate fees, and property taxes of every senior citizen qualifying in the circuit breaker in the State of Illinois was stopped for debate by one single



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Member. That Member, in raising the objection, stopped these issues from being debated. Now many of us on both sides of the aisle consider that the eventual passage of this Bill to be the single greatest accomplishment of the 2000 General Assembly, and we were very proud to participate in that. But because of that Bill, which eventually passed, nearly half of Illinois' seniors will be eligible to participate in the best prescription drug program in the nation. But how close did we come to killing that initiative, because of our rule allowing one Member to keep it from being heard? We'll never know for sure, but let's agree that we won't allow this practice to stop the next great piece of legislation from being debated. Several House Republican Members will be addressing other specific rules that we think should be added or need improvement. We think that if you really meant the comments when you were elected Speaker, that you were going to operate in a bipartisan manner, that you would do so. We think that the rules that impact the operation of the video equipment, and when it's shown, and what it's used for are important to debate. We think that a Motion to Discharge from rules should require 71 votes instead of allowing one member to stop that. We think that if a Bill has been favorably reported by committee, it ought to be debated and called on the House floor within 15 days, and we think that Floor Amendments must be considered by the full House before a Bill can be moved to Third Reading, and individual appropriation Bills for each agency should be heard so our state's budget can be more carefully considered by the 118 Members of the House. So several of our House Members will be addressing these rules. Mr. Speaker, the state is watching, at least it's watching me

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at the present time, and they want to see if that your word is good as to what we vowed to participate together in a joint bipartisan fashion. I trust that we can find a way to make these work... rules work for the benefit of all. I trust that the bipartisan spirit that was enacted when you were elected Speaker will carry through for the next two years. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I was the Chief House Sponsor of House Bill 3557, which we spent a lot of discussion on last year, was really brought forth as, at the request of Common Cause and independent voters in Illinois, and really that Bill provided for streaming audio. A real concern in dealing with that issue and that legislation was to try to find a means where we could fairly present what happens here in the House of Representatives to the citizens of Illinois and really allow them to have access on a much easier basis. And frankly, what we're talking about doing here on the Internet I think is a step in the right direction and certainly I don't think we have a problem in that regard. But we do have serious reservations when we start talking about the implications that it could have in terms of how those com... how these cameras could be handled and certainly how the information could be handled. Because, as we look at this issue, it's interesting as we go state by state, we look in California, they put it into law as part of their... well as part of their law actually, but in several states it's part of the procedures to really make sure that the television signals that are generated by this Assembly should not be used for any political or commercial purpose and really, frankly, not be used surreptitiously

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without us understanding what's going on. Really, what we're just trying to do is address that, and hopefully, be able to address that in a bipartisan basis. That is a very, very important issue as we move into the 21st century, and certainly to help our citizens to be able to see what happens in this great chamber. Unfortunately, I think the real concern is when we've got three cameras here in this chamber, not knowing what's being recorded, what isn't, no... and as far as the oversight is concerned certainly, I think to ignore it and certainly not put it in the rules is not the solution and I think all a hundred and... well a hundred and seventeen Members would certainly agree with that I would hope. Unfortunately, that doesn't... apparently is not going to be the case based on the actions that were taken today in the Rules Committee. I would ask that the Members of both sides of the aisle would think about the implications of this action and certainly realize that when those political campaigns come and those sound bites come, and issues that are taken out of context, and the tapes could perhaps be taken without our knowledge and not what's going on the Internet I think is a real live concern and one that we should worry about. I certainly look as a model, as we look here in Pennsylvania, where they have a bipartisan commission dealing with this very issue. I would just ask that we realize that we failed in the Rules Committee to be able to get this Amendment attached, but I'd still ask that the Members of the Majority would open their eyes and realize the implications. We also have some other issues that we need to talk about, but certainly we would ask that we look at government in a more open basis. I think these rules are really not going to allow that to take place."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "State your inquiry."

Black: "When the Majority Leader was going over House Resolution #22, I could not hear all of the comments. It's my understanding that you are proposing nine... the only copy I have, and forgive me. My inquiry is I have a copy of nine changes you are making to the rules for the 92nd General Assembly that differ from the rules of the 91st, is that... am I correct in that assumption?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black, could Representative Currie answer your question?"

Black: "Yes, that would be fine."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Basically, there are four changes and they're all technical, Representative. There are nine sections affected, but there are really four substantive changes, and even though I call them substantive, they're pretty technical in nature."

Black: "I... then I... am I to assume the paper that we were given earlier by your staff pointing out the differences between the 92nd and the 91st, it references House Rule 14, 18, 22, 24, 60, 75, 78, 79, and House Rule 80..."

Currie: "Right, but..."

Black: "...those have all been changed?"

Currie: "Except that, if you'll look carefully, you'll see that Rules 18, 22, 24, and 60 make the same changes in four different places in the Rule Book. So, that's all about Motions to Table..."

Black: "Okay."

Currie: "...committee Amendments. And Rules 78, 79, and 80 are

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all about clarifying of procedures with respect to..."

Black: "On the AV."

Currie: "...gubernatorial vetoes."

Black: "Yes, and I..."

Currie: "So, four changes."

Black: "I commend you on that change, particularly. I think it will help the Journal Room and help in the orderly business of the House. Let me make it very clear, we have no objections of any kind to the changes you are making. In fact, we commend you on the changes you are making..."

Currie: "Thank you."

Black: "...and think they are good changes. And I appreciate you keeping me on track as to the changes you've embodied in House Resolution #22. Now, Mr. Speaker, if I could, further an inquiry of the Chair. We have filed certain Amendments to the Resolution before us and it is my understanding they were rejected by the Rules Committee. I'm uncertain as to the tact that I can take at this time. Obviously, we would like to discuss the Amendments that we have proposed and we'd like to do so in a very expeditious fashion."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Yes."

Speaker Madigan: "Could you restate the last part of your statement?"

Black: "Yes. We have... we filed Amendments with the Clerk and our Members of the Rules Committee also took our Amendments to House Resolution #22 to the Rules Committee this morning..."

Speaker Madigan: "Right."

Black: "...where the Rules Committee, in accordance with the rules of the 91st General Assembly, rejected our proposals."

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Now, we have filed them as Amendments with the Clerk, as well, and obviously, would like to speak to the efficacy of our Amendments. I don't want to take Body's time if we're just going to be shut off, but I honestly don't know, and before I proceed, obviously, I would like a vote on some of our Amendments and it's our intent that we take less than 30 minutes on this, but I need some direction from the Chair. I don't want to make this an exercise in futility. I commend you on the changes you have made, we would like to join with you in proposing certain changes and we don't think they are revolutionary changes or gutting the rules of the House that you have proposed. We do think they are some good proposals that we would like to expand and expound upon. And I think, before I go any further, I need your permission or guidance to do so because I'm not sure if what we want to discuss is in fact before the House at this time."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black, am I correct in understanding that you are in a position to point out that you would like to incorporate certain changes into the Resolution which is currently being considered by the House?"

Black: "Yes, we would, very much so."

Speaker Madigan: "And so why don't you proceed to do that."

Black: "Thank you, with permission of the Chair, let me proceed. And for the record, Mr. Speaker, if I understand correctly where we are on this, and forgive me if I'm wrong, I'm addressing my comments specifically to Amendment #6, by our account, to House Resolution #22. And Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, let me share with you very briefly what this Amendment does. It has to do with the video of House proceedings. And let me make this very clear, I don't think any Republican objects, in fact, it was under our

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sponsorship that the live audio feed is available on audio. I don't believe we have expressed any objection to the video and streaming that in real time on the Internet. We have no objection, whatsoever. I would say to my friends and colleagues on the Democrat side of the aisle, this is new technology, we have no rules under the 91st General Assembly, obviously, none that I can find in House Resolution #22 that address this concept of three television cameras taping the proceedings of the House. All our Amendment asks is as follows; equipment under the direct control of the House may be used to transmit, broadcast, or otherwise disseminate video of the proceedings of the House. The transmission, broadcast, or other dissemination may show only the presiding officer, or the Member, or a guest recognized by the presiding officer. We think that's what we ha... we heard verbally when this all started. No equipment under the control of the House may otherwise be used to make a video record of the proceedings of the House. As Representative Tenhouse pointed out, this is modeled after what many states have done, 46 states have addressed this issue in one form or another. I personally, and as Representative Tenhouse pointed out, I personally like the rule that California has adopted on how the video of the House will be handled. It can be recorded, ad infinitum off the Internet. All we are asking in this Amendment to your House rules, both sides of the aisle need to have a clear understanding of how this video will be used, that being the video that is under the control of the presiding officer of the House. We have no objections to real time, it would be disingenuous of any of you to say I rise in objection, you have enough video of me over the past few years, the good, the bad, and mostly the

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ugly, to use however you see fit. We are not saying that broadcast media would be limited or inhibited in any way, as to what they videotape. All we are trying to get clarification of is how the video that is under the control of the presiding officer of the House or the party of... the presiding party of the House will be used. And I think the California rules specifically refers to that in saying very clearly that it cannot be used for any commercial or partisan political purpose. That's what we would like to see added, Mr. Speaker, in our Amendment on the video capability that the House now has, and I would love to hear further debate on the issue. And Mr. Speaker, if I am within my rights under the rules that we're still operating under, the 91st General Assembly, I would ask, in all due respect to you, that under the providing... the rule that I think we're still under, and I believe it's Rule #47, I'm joined by four Members on my side of the aisle in asking for a recorded vote on our Amendment dealing with the video capabilities of the House and would appreciate a brief discussion of this issue, and a vote on same. I think if you look at it, there's no reason why this couldn't pass unanimously. It is a rule that at some point we will have to address. You cannot do this video capability in a vacuum. There has to be some reasonable, sensible, bipartisan rules on how it will be handled. And that is my Motion, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "To Black. Mr. Black, I believe you've asked for a Roll Call vote on your Amendments. Mr. Black."

Black: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I believe we're still operating under the rules of the 91st General Assembly and under Rule #47 you have given us that desire, and again, this is not to delay the process. If you will work with us, I think we



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can wrap this up in 20 minutes total. All we're saying is that there needs to be reasonable, sensible, bipartisan rules on how the video, that's under the control of the House, will be handled. We have offered an Amendment that we would certainly be glad to change with you at any time, particularly maybe modeled after the California law or the Pennsylvania law on how it's handled. I think it's a protection of... for both parties and a very reasonable request, a very reasonable Amendment."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black. Mr. Black, back to your question about the Roll Call. All of your Amendments are currently assigned to the Rules Committee, both the set that were filed in the Rules and Committee and then the set that were filed with the Clerk."

Black: "Yes, that's my understanding. They were heard, however briefly, in the Rules Committee this morning, met a horrible fate, some say due to the weather, I'm not sure. But I believe we have also filed the obligatory Motion to discharge rules, if that is the only option left open to us at this time."

Speaker Madigan: "That is your option."

Black: "And I also know the next option. Do you want me to proceed to that? I would hope that you would give us unanimous consent to discharge these from rules, a very brief debate, a very brief recorded vote, and we can move on to other things. But, that is certainly your decision, as the presiding officer."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Under the rules of the current General Assembly, as adopted in the last General Assembly, and the one before that, and the one before that, and the one before that, and as far as I can tell, no, no, no, I've

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checked several previous General's Assembly, and there's always, as far as I can tell, been unanimous consent required for the discharge and rules and I object, Representative Black, to your Motion."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady has objected, Mr. Black."

Black: "Well, may I say I'm shocked and appalled. I'd hope we'd get off in a little better spirit. We have filed our Motion to discharge, Mr. Speaker, and if that Motion is also ruled out of order, then we would seek our Motion. I've got the sheet here somewhere, I think it's under Rule #67, that we... that you allow us a record vote on a Motion to overturn the Chair. If our Motion to discharge rules has been denied, and it has, then we have filed the Motion and we would file under Rule #67, a Motion to overrule the Chair on denying our Motion for a record vote."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has filed a Motion to overrule the Chair, and the question on this Motion is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' The question on this Motion is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' So if you wish to support the Chair, you vote 'yes'. Those in... who want to vote 'yes', vote 'yes'. Those who want to vote 'no', vote 'no'. Mr. Clerk. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 61 'ayes', and 53 'noes'. The Chair is sustained.

Mr. Cross. Tom Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Incidentally, I assume that you all have a Roll Call vote on the underlying Resolution, House Resolution #22. We would ask for verification in the event it gets the requisite number of votes. Mr. Speaker, just to follow up on a few points that Representative Black

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made, with respect to the videoing, and I think he's made it very clear that we don't object to opening up this process and letting people be at... let people be advised of what this process is all about. I think that's healthy for government, I think that's good for government. But I think Representative Black's point that there's potential for manipulation and abuse cannot be ignored. And I'd like to just cite a few instances where some other institutions and bodies have acknowledged that and I think we could, as Bill said, remedy this with an opportunity or at least giving us an opportunity to sit down with your side of the aisle and it's somewhat ironic that one person prevented the opportunity for us to even consider our Amendment, as we saw just a minute ago when Representative Currie stood up and by her movement alone, and by herself, prevented even that potential for compromise. But I would direct everybody's attention to a document put out by NCSL, and to the best of my knowledge it's a bipartisan organization and one that is desirous of finding good government and encouraging good government. And they point out, in a position paper, several potential abuses of videos in the Internet. One is that by... through the process of downloading, it would allow remarks to be taken out of context and used for political purposes. Obviously, that's a concern that we can't ignore. Second, they acknowledged, or point out that it could be manipulated by the Leadership to provide an unfair amount of coverage for the party in control. Several other bodies, besides California, have recognized that. The State of Pennsylvania, for instance, through a Resolution, and I quote from the Resolution in Pennsylvania, 'that to the extent possible, only the presiding officer and the persons actually speaking shall

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be covered by the camera during the proceedings and debate.' Seems like a very simple approach that Pennsylvania's provided. As well, the United States Senate has rules that guide their use of video and requires that broadcasts be supervised and operated by the Senate and requires that television broadcasts are to follow the presiding officer and Senators who are speaking as well as the Clerks and the chaplains, except during Roll Call, when the television cameras shall show the entire chamber. I don't think, Mr. Speaker, that what we're discussing... suggesting is out of line. I would think your Members, as much as our Members, would be desirous of having some controls over the use of the video. I could see where Members are working on a complicated apieces... piece of legislation, for instance, during budget times, or on an issue such as deregulation and they're out of the chamber for a period of days, if maybe even weeks. I could see abuses of the camera being used by showing that empty chair day in and day out, and you can only imagine what could happen during a campaign time with an empty chair. We've seen that before. I think, Mr. Speaker, we've made our point, and I think there are others that wish to make our point, or make the same point that we've had. And I would again reiterate what Representative Black said and give us an opportunity to, at the very least, consider Amendment #6 to House Resolution #22. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to discuss why Amendment #10 to Resolution #22 was not released from the Rules Committee. This Amendment would be that all legislative measures providing for the appropriation of money from the state treasury shall be confined to

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appropriations for a single agency or a department. The process of reviewing the budget for the state each year has been boiled down to the point where Legislators may or may not know what they are voting on when the... when we vote on Appropriations Bills on the last day of the Session each year. The Conference of Women Legislators, last year, held seminars in which many of our Members and our male colleagues were also invited on actually looking at the appropriations process. They were highly attended, showing the interest of the Members to pursue this issue. The current procedure is flawed and we should be increasing the scrutiny of agencies and how they spend their money instead of making it more difficult for the Members and the public that they represent to see how the people's money is being spent. By having individual Appropriations Bills for each agency, the Legislators can get a better picture of where the tax dollars are being spent and respond to constituents concerned about the budget. The purpose of the state budget process is to ensure that the people's money is being spent in the most efficient and useful way. By making it easier to review the budgets of individual agencies, we allow ourselves to better serve the people who sent us here in the first place. I certainly do not understand why this Amendment was not released from the Rules Committee, since Representative Lindner has introduced a similar Bill three times in the last three years and it was passed out of this Body at least twice by an overwhelming vote. To not release this Amendment to allow the Body to vote on it certainly seems not to either be an in... some kind of bipartisan discussion with your Members and our Members on something that we have voted for in Bills before. To include it in the rules, would be make

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sure that we actually abide by this process, which we have not done. Many Members in this Body, when it comes down to the last minute of voting on an Appropriations Bill, do not even know in what Bill... what's in that Bill. There are Members on your side of the aisle as well as on our side of the aisle, particularly in human services, that tout themselves to be the leader in the mental health field. To get more money, they meet with groups and they tell child care people, mental health people, that they are their spokesman, their champion. I cannot believe that these same Members, on both sides of the aisle, but particularly on your side of the aisle would not vote for this Amendment to be included in these rules. Therefore, pursuant to Rule #49, and I am joined by five Members of my... on my side of the aisle to request a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge from further consideration by the House Rules Committee. I would like the... Amendment #10 to House Bill 22 to be discharged from the Rules Committee. Since you have denied our Motions, I would like to see that the House Rules will respectfully ask for a recorded Roll Call vote on a Motion to appeal... to let that Amendment be discharged from the Rules Committee. Amendment #10 to Resolution #22, which would allow for all appropriation of money from the state treasury to be confined to single Appropriations Bills for each single agency, a measure that has passed this Body in Bills several occasions."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I object."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mulligan, there is an objection. Your recourse is to file a Motion to overrule the Chair. Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Yes, I would file that Motion. Since you've denied

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our Motions that are in full accordance with the House Rules, we respectfully ask for a recorded vote on a Motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair, pursuant to House Rule 57a, and ask for a recorded vote under the right to do so."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mulligan has filed a Motion to overrule the Chair. The question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' Those who support the Chair will vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The Clerk shall take the record. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 61 'ayes', 55 'noes'. The Chair is sustained. Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I won't belabor the point. I'm too old to be Don Quixote, Mr. Speaker, maybe Sancho Panza, but I'm too old to be Don Quixote. I no longer have the energy, the time, and what bothers me is I may no longer have the desire to joust with windmills. But I would like to say, before we go on our merry way, Ladies and Gentlemen, on both sides of the aisle we filed Amendment #7 to HR #22, and I'm not going to ask for a Motion to Discharge. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is a timely Motion because you have seen now in five minutes twice how one person can deny your right to have a Bill assigned to committee or brought to the floor for a vote. This is a mistake, it is an error, it is an error that my side of the aisle made in the 89th General Assembly. Blame me, I accept the responsibility. But in hindsight, that was wrong. It was wrong to say that it takes unanimous consent to discharge the Rules Committee. That was wrong in the 89th General Assembly, and it is wrong here today, and you've seen it operate twice. That is a tyranny of the Majority, it needs

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to be corrected. You know, the Majority Leader, in all due respect to her, said it was the rule last Session, the rule the Session before that, the rule the Session before that, the rule the Session before that. Au contraire, it was not the rule in the 88th General Assembly. It took a two-thirds vote to discharge the Rules Committee. I would submit to you that that is fair to both sides of the aisle and more importantly, fair to the people who sent you here. If your Bill is caught up in partisan politics and you can't discharge your Bill for a hearing because it requires unanimous consent, you're disenfranchising 97 thousand people in my district who don't even have the opportunity to have their idea or their concept heard. It's wrong. It was wrong then, it was wrong now. I'd rather be right than consistent. As the Majority Leader tried to point out, it's always been the rule. It has not always been the rule. It's time to change it. It's wrong, it's the tyranny of the Majority exercising complete control over the chamber of this House. My friends, it will happen to you, it happened to the Democratic Party last year when Representative Giglio tried to get a Bill out of the Rules Committee and was denied. So don't think it doesn't affect you, it does. It is a wrong rule, it is shortsighted, deprives all of us of the rights that we have as Members, we need to change it. I won't burden it anymore. It's obvious we're not going to be allowed a vote on Amendment #7. I withdraw any Motion to Discharge. I won't put you through it anymore. But I'm telling you, this debate over the rules on how these video cameras are to be controlled and the debate over how the Rules Committee requires a unanimous consent to discharge, those issues are not gonna go away. And shame on us for not addressing it today, when



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we had the opportunity and the will to do so, but the will of what I think is the Majority has again been thwarted by the iron-fisted rule of that rule that requires a unanimous consent. It's wrong Ladies and Gentlemen, and it will come back to haunt each and every Member, until you rightfully change that rule. Thank you for your patience, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Andrea Moore."

Moore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We come here today for what seems to be a perfunctory effort to try and establish the rules for the rest of the year, actually for the rest of the next two years. And I watched you, Mr. Speaker, while you sat in the Minority, and Mr. Speaker, I watched how you changed your attitude after sitting in the Minority for two years. And I would have a question for the Speaker. Why would this one rule cause such fear, so as to keep a Majority by one Member in control of what may come before this Body?"

Speaker Madigan: "Representative, there is no fear, we just know that these rules have worked very well, especially starting when you were managing the chamber. That's why we want to keep them the way they are."

Moore: "You would agree, though, that it does appear as though it does eliminate the power of the Body and give an... a disproportionate amount of power to Leadership or an individual Member?"

Speaker Madigan: "Representative, I think that the question is the administration of the rules. So, the rules have been here now for four terms. And the question is, 'How are they administered?' And I think I've done a pretty good job of administering the rules, and I think that life under these rules for Members of your Party have been pretty

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good."

Moore: "And on this one particular question where it is by unanimous consent, how many times have we allowed a Bill to be discharged from Rules in the last two years?"

Speaker Madigan: "Probably never."

Moore: "And so you would not say then that provides an unfair advantage to the Leadership who controls the rules?"

Speaker Madigan: "Again, I would say the question is the administration and whether those administering the rules are doing it with a view toward fairness and equality and equity, and I think that we've done a very good job of that over the last four years and the pledge is to do it for the remaining two years."

Moore: "Actually, I think you have tried to make an effort to be fair on any number of occasions and I, myself have benefited from that, and I will give you all that credit for your statesmanship in that regard. On this one Rule, though, there have been Members on both sides of the aisle that have really been, I think, severely hurt in their ability to do their individual job in representing their districts. And I certainly think that it would not hurt this Body, and it would not hurt you as a Leader to allow us, if you don't like the 71 votes as is consistent with the rest of the rulemaking Body, make it three-fourths. Make it some other amount other than one individual because you take... we have so little power in this House as it is, to make it one Member that will allow you to not be able to get your Bill out of rules, and discharged and heard by the committee just is almost like a dictatorship. I think it would serve our House better, it would serve all the individual Members, and this goes for both sides of the aisle, I mean this has... this is equally applied. But we

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give this power to you by voting for these rules. You have been unwilling, as exemplified by Representative Black, to allow us a separate vote on this issue, so that forces you into voting against it. Mr. Speaker, I think that you'd be a better Speaker if you would allow a little more empowerment to the organization here, and I think we would end up with a better product at the end."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Biggins."

Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Biggins: "Representative Currie, I can recall when you and I served on the Rules Committee several years ago when our side had the Majority and one of your favorite sayings was, 'that a foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of a small mind.' I think that was the phrase, I think it's a paraphrase of an Emerson quote."

Currie: "Right."

Biggins: "Do you recall saying that several times about some policies that our side was initiating that were..."

Currie: "Right."

Biggins: "...consistent that you felt were apropos to that phrase."

Currie: "I do believe that a foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of small minds, yes."

Biggins: "Well, I'm glad that... you noticed I learned from you, then. Do you suppose that that same position or situation could be occurring now, and perhaps we should review this and change this policy to be consistent with your phrase that you taught me several years ago?"

Currie: "No, I do not believe that this is a foolish consistency. I think this is a sound consistency, and therefore, not a concern for a large mind."

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Biggins: "Okay, well, we'll continue to disagree on this."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Let me just go through these proposed Amendments, one by one. First, the question of the Majority it takes to discharge the Rules Committee. I went back and looked at the 88th General Assembly, that would be the Assembly of 1993-94, and I would refer to you Rule 14e; Bills may be discharged from the Rules Committee only by unanimous consent. I would venture to suggest that if we look for the rules for the 87th, the 86th, the 85th, and all previous General Assemblies, we'd find the same rule, unanimous consent. If you don't have unanimous consent, you might as well not have a Rules Committee. This is a tradition in a parliamentary democracy. So, I think you're overreacting, and if you checked your history, you will find that there was nothing new in this rule when the Republicans were in charge of this chamber, there's nothing new in this rule at all. Second, as to video cameras. First of all, the Speaker is in charge of the decorum of the chamber, that's been part of the House Rules, also, since time immemorial. There are many video cameras that ply their trade from the galleries in this House, television documentary, filmmakers, what have you. There's nothing very new or unique about the fact that we're televising ourselves and publishing ourselves over the Internet. But, the specific rule you propose is much too narrow. The Speaker's intent, the whole operation, will be to focus on the speaker on... in a debate, and the Speaker at the podium. But, I've been watching the video as people have been speaking on this floor and when Representative Black was speaking, he was wiggling a bit, and we saw a staffer right behind him. Now, when I first

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spoke to report that there were no excused absences over here, I found that I could see several of my colleagues behind me. I know I'm short, and it may be that the technicians take a little time to figure it out and focus in precisely, but you surely don't want the Speaker in violation of the rules if the technology can't organize the shot so that you don't see the elbow of someone who is standing next to the speaker. We don't need those rules. This video will be used appropriately. It will be used for the Internet, and its focus will always be on the individual speaker. Finally, the point about using the budget process, one single Bill throughout the entire legislative process. Representative Mulligan, we'd love to do that rule. Our budget people and your budget people worked hard to change our rules two years ago so that all Budget Bills would be introduced singly, agency by agency. And we'd love to go further, the problem is that we don't control the Senate. We don't control the Governor's office. And I don't think anybody in his or her right mind thinks that a legislative impasse over its one budget Bill per agency or many, that to keep us here during the months of June, July, and August, we've gone as far as we can go, given that there are other actors in state government that deal in the budget, the Governor, and also importantly, the Senate. So, we'd love to join you in supporting that Amendment, but it's totally impractical. It would only tie our hands and keep us here long beyond the time in which it's important to finish the people's business. Speaker and Members of the House, I urge all of us to support House Resolution #22. Rules are a framework, they're guideposts. They don't guarantee good outcomes nor do they guarantee bad outcomes. Under these rules, the Illinois House of

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Representatives operated fairly, effectively, and responsibly, and responsively in the 91st General Assembly, people talked about the rights that were being trampled on. Let me remind you, half of the Bills that left this chamber were sponsored by Members of the Minority Party. I think we saw fair play, we saw cooperation, we saw bipartisanship during the last two years. With the adoption of House Resolution #22, I can guarantee you that if you're willing to join us in working cooperatively, we will see that same bipartisanship in the 92nd General Assembly. I urge your adoption of these sensible, reasonable rules for the Illinois House of Representatives, I urge your adoption of House Resolution #22."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The esteemed Majority Leader mentioned my name in debate, for which I am eternally grateful. Let me just say in closing, I'll find some rule books in the 85th, the 84th, the 82nd General Assembly, and I... I'm gonna check on the unanimous consent, and if I'm wrong, I'll apologize to the Body. That is not the issue, the issue is even if the unanimous consent to discharge a Member's Bill from the Rules Committee was in effect when Abraham Lincoln was here, it makes no difference. I'm a parent, you're a parent Mr. Speaker, we've been together on a trip when you had two of your daughters, you don't buy that kind of reasoning any more than I do. Can I go out and have the car tonight, Dad? No. All the other kids do it. Oh, my goodness. You know your response to that would be the same as mine as a parent. It makes no difference to me, Representative Currie, whether or not it has been the rule of this Body for 135 years, it's wrong. You are

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disenfranchising the people that sent me here. You are disenfranchising every Member in this Body, and don't you think it won't happen to you, it happened to a Democrat last year. If you have a particular Bill that is controversial, you have a right to have your Bill heard, and I'll support it two-thirds Majority for discharge. At least that gives us a reasonable chance to build across the aisle coalition, to have our Bills heard. But, to require unanimous consent, you know what that means as well as I do. If your Bill is objected to by a very minute power of this Body, it will never get out of the Rules Committee no matter how hard you try, no matter how much you believe in the concepts and precepts of that Bill, no matter how much the people who sent you here want it to have a chance to be debated. It's wrong, it is not right, and it makes no difference to me if its been done that way for a hundred years. It takes a magnanimous Speaker, and the will of this Body to change it. And shame on us for not changing it today, and we... our Amendment called for a two-thirds vote. It wouldn't do us any good to make silly, frivolous notions, it still requires 71 votes to discharge, but it would give a chance for the various coalitions who are here to at least have some measure of equity and fairness in advancing a legislative agenda that our people sent us here to do. Unanimous consent isn't right. It isn't right when my party was in power, it isn't right today, it won't be right tomorrow, it won't be right four years from now. Shame on us for not changing it when we had the time. Mr. Speaker, I still hope to be here long enough to see us change this rule, and I know that if you'll search your memory banks, it was not always thus. And even if so, the time to change it is now, and if we don't change it, who

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will?"

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My name was also mentioned in debate. I would like to counter what Representative Currie said, the argument that the Senate will not do this is a faulty one. We are a Body that represents closest to the people of the two Houses, we are now going to be televised. If we put this in this Resolution, we will then have to do the am... the appropriations Bill singly this year, which would allow the people that we represent a more accurate view of what's actually being processed through in appropriations, doesn't matter whether the Senate does it or not, two wrongs don't make a right, and quite frankly, I think if we do it, the people that they represent are gonna demand that they do it also. So, I think now is the time, we've passed this Bill several years, this is a way of insuring that it does it this year, and we're obviously not going to do that. So, I think the argument that she made, because the Senate will not do it, is a very faulty one. That does not negate our ability to go ahead and represent the people that we represent in a better fashion so that they understand, as do the Members of this Body, what's actually being passed out of here in appropriations Bills."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Resolution be adopted?' There is a request for a verification. The Chair would ask all Democrats to be in their chairs, and that the staff retire to the rear of the chamber. So, if the staff would retire to the rear of the chamber, the Democrats would please be in their seats. Mr. Osterman. Mr. Osterman. All the Members to be in their seats. Those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted who wish? The



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Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 61 'ayes', and 55 'noes'. Mr. Clerk, please read the names of those voting yes."

Clerk Rossi: "Poll of those voting in the affirmative: Representatives Acevedo, Boland, Bradley, Brosnahan, Brunsvold, Bugielski, Burke, Capparelli, Collins, Crotty, Barbara Currie, Julie Curry, Dart, Monique Davis, Steve Davis, Delgado, Erwin, Feigenholtz, Flowers, Forby, Fowler, Franks, Fritchey, Garrett, Giles, Granberg, Hamos, Hannig, Hartke, Hoffman, Holbrook, Howard, Lou Jones, Shirley Jones, Kenner, Lang, Joe Lyons, Mautino, May, McCarthy, McGuire, McKeon, Mendoza, Miller, Morrow, Harold Murphy, Novak, O'Brien, Osterman, Reitz, Ryan, Scott, Scully, Slone, Smith, Soto, Stroger, Art Turner, Yarbrough, Younge, and Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Cross. Mr. Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Incidentally, is there a procedure the Chair has set out for the use of the video during the verification process? Do you attend to use the video during the verification? I wondered what... if you have a rule on it?"

Speaker Madigan: "The camera's controlled by the sound system. If your mike is on and you're talking, you'll be on camera. If I am, I'll be on camera."

Cross: "But none of the people whose names will be..."

Speaker Madigan: "Correct."

Cross: "...called upon during the verification?"

Speaker Madigan: "Correct."

Cross: "All right, thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Questions? Mr. Giles. He's in the center aisle."

Cross: "Scully."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Scully is in the center aisle."

Cross: "It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, you have everybody here.  
Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, Mr. Cross. On this question, there are 61 'ayes', and 55 'noes'. And the House does adopt House Resolution #22. Ladies and Gentleman, we're prepared to adjourn for the day. The Chair has good news for everyone, we plan to cancel our Session on Thursday. So, we'll adjourn today, we will convene tomorrow for the Governor's State of the State Address, and then we can return to our districts. Mr. Daniels wishes to speak. Mr. Daniels."

Leader Daniels: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I apologize for the short delay, that was Representative Ron Stephens that I had on the phone. I know that all of you understand with the greatest sadness that we heard from Representative Stephens earlier about the loss of his grandson and the tragic death of his grandson. Ron's grandson was 27 days old, Justin Sage Stephens, and died despite the efforts of his father, Chad Stephens, to save him. No one knows why God takes a child, and no one really totally understands it, but we do recognize the indescribable sorrow that it brings to all of us, and all of us in this family we call the Illinois General Assembly. As you know, Ron has been through some pretty horrifying ordeals in his life. He is truly a hero to America, a hero to Illinois when he served this country with great dignity in the Vietnam War, being awarded a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for injuries that nearly cost him his life. Ron is an emotional person in his belief for this country, for the values of this country, and the defense of America in the principles and policies that we all stand for. Of all the people that I

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know, a tragedy of this nature should never befall an American hero like Ron Stephens, but it does and life takes twists that we just don't understand. And when I received the call from Ron on Sunday morning as a result of the loss of his grandson at 1 o'clock in the morning, early Sunday a.m., he of course, was distraught and didn't understand why God would befall this kind of tragedy on the Stephens family. Nobody can issue any words of condolences that would satisfy the kind of grief that we would all feel. Ron called to advise me that they are waiting for the coroners report, because as you all know, under Illinois Law, any child two years or under, requires an automatic autopsy. My prayers, I know your prayers are with Ron and his family, his wife, his son, his daughter-in-law, and of course, with remembrance of Justin Sage Stephens, such a young child to be taken from us all. We may disagree in matters of politics, and we may be partisan at times. I've been here for 26 years, and I've seen some ferocious fights on this floor because of the passion that we feel in our beliefs; but I know this, I know that the colleagues that I have, that I serve with today and have served with in the past 26 years, are a family. I know that we all send our love, our prayers, our thoughts, and our hopes that Representative Stephens and his family can get through this ordeal and understand God's will is not always something we know, nor can we map out, but it does bring to us trials and tribulations, but we will be able to persevere and get through. With your love and your attention, with your notes, with your kindness and your prayers, the Stephens family will get through it, too. So, Mr. Speaker, with your permission, a young life was taken from us, 27 days old, we don't understand why. If we could have a moment of

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silence to remember, Justin Sage Stephens, 27 days old, and the Stephens family, I would appreciate it. Thank you, Sir, and may God bless the Stephens family."

Speaker Madigan: "On Supplemental Calendar #1, there appears HJR3, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for adoption of the House Joint Resolution #3, which calls for the Joint Session tomorrow to hear the Governor's State of the State Message."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the adoption of HJR3. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Representative Currie moves that the House does stand adjourned until 11:30 a.m. tomorrow morning, providing perfunctory time for the Clerk. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned until 11:30 a.m. tomorrow morning providing perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of House Bills. House Bill 353, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning the environment. House Bill 354, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 355, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 356, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. House Bill 357, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act in relation to utilities. House Bill 358, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act in relation to utilities. House Bill 359, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. House Bill 360, offered by

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Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. House Bill 361, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning energy. House Bill 362, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 363, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 364, introduced by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act in relation to utilities. House Bill 365, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act in relation to utilities. House Bill 366, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act in relation to utilities. House Bill 367, offered by Representative Shirley Jones, a Bill for an Act relating to public utilities. House Bill 368, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act relating to education. House Bill 369, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning telephone solicitations. House Bill 370, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. House Bill 371, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 372, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 373, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 374, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 375, offered by Representative Righter, a Bill for an Act to create the Uniform Athlete Agents Act. House Bill 376, offered by Representative Tom Ryder, a Bill for an Act concerning executions. House Bill 377, offered by Representative Tom Ryder, a Bill for an Act to create the Corporate Practice of Medicine Act. House Bill 378, offered by Representative Tom Ryder, a Bill for

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an Act to amend the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. House Bill 379, offered by Representative Tom Ryder, a Bill for an Act concerning highways. House Bill 380, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to special districts. House Bill 381, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to bonds. House Bill 382, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts in relation to the disposition of certain fetuses. House Bill 383, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act in relation to interest. House Bill 384, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 385, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning working uninsured. House Bill 386, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 387, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act in relation to whistleblowers. House Bill 388, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 389, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. House Bill 390, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning forest preserve districts. House Bill 391, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 392, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 393, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 394, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act. House Bill 395, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act in relation to tobacco. House Bill 396, offered by Representative

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Fritchey, a Bill for an Act in relation to land excavation. House Bill 397, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act in relation to presidential and vice-presidential electors. House Bill 398, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 399, offered by Representative Zickus, a Bill for an Act in relation to harmful matter. House Bill 400, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act relating to political solicitations and contributions. House Bill 401, offered by Representative Brunsvold, a Bill for an Act in relation to firearms. House Bill 402, offered by Representative Brunsvold, a Bill for an Act in relation to deer hunting. First Reading of these House Bills. First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 403, offered by Representative John Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 404, offered by Representative John Jones, a Bill for an Act in relation to deer hunting. House Bill 405, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 406, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 407, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 408, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 409, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 410, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 411, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 412, offered by

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Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 413, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 414, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 415, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 416, offered by Representative Stroger, a Bill for an Act concerning telephone solicitations. House Bill 417, offered by Representative Forby, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 418, offered by Representative Morrow, a Bill for an Act concerning property transactions. House Bill 419, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 420, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 421, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 422, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 423, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act in relation to clean air. House Bill 424, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act concerning natural gas costs. House Bill 425, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning unemployment insurance. House Bill 426, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning reckless corporate conduct. House Bill 427, offered by Representative Scott, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 428, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 429, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits.



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House Bill 430, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act in relation to public health. House Bill 431, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 432, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 433, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning pharmaceutical assistance. House Bill 434, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning disabled persons. House Bill 435, offered by Representative Bugielski, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 436, offered by Representative Bugielski, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 437, offered by Representative Bugielski, A Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 438, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning counseling. House Bill 439, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning the environment. House Bill 440, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 441, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning historic preservation. House Bill 442, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning sanitary districts. House Bill 443, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 444, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 445, offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for an Act in relation to schools. House Bill 446, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning organ transplantation. House Bill 447, offered by Representative

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Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning guide dogs. House Bill 448, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act in relation to assistance for low-income persons. House Bill 449, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act in regard to schools. House Bill 450, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 451, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 452, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 453, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 454, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act regarding vehicles. House Bill 455, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 456, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 457, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 458, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act concerning residential heating costs. House Bill 459, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act relating to public utilities. House Bill 460, offered by Representative Bassi, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 461, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 462, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 463, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 464, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 465, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an

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Act making appropriations. House Bill 466, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 467, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 468, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 469, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Water Reclamation District Act. House Bill 470, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act in regard to vehicles. First Reading of these House Bills. House Bill 471, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning acquisition of real estate by railroads. House Bill 472, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act in relation to local government. House Bill 473, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. House Bill 474, offered by Representative Tom Holbrook, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metro-East Sports Facilities Authority. First Reading of these House Bills. Being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned. The House will reconvene in regular Session on January 31st at 11:30 a.m.