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Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Gordon, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 307 and Senate Bill 730. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Elections & Campaign Reform, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3270; 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 299 and Senate Bill 417. Representative Boland, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' is House Joint Resolution 51; 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 497 and Senate Bill 1398. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability and Access, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1365; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 214 and Senate Bill 1579. Representative Washington, Chairperson from the Committee on Prison Reform, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 1391. Representative Reitz, Chairperson

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from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 281, Senate Bill 498, Senate Bill 518, Senate Bill 550, Senate Bill 557, Senate Bill 560, and Senate Bill 627; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1094. Representative Mautino, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 144; 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 1487. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation and Motor Vehicles, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 441, Senate Bill 533, and Senate Bill 572. Representative May, Chairperson from the Committee on Environmental Health, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 46, Senate Bill 303, Senate Bill 376, Senate Bill 1241, and Senate Bill 1242. Representative Scully, Chairperson from the Committee on Electric Utility Oversight, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1366. Representative Smith, Chairperson from the

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Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 505, Senate Bill 641, Senate Bill 853, and Senate Bill 1165; 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 166, Senate Bill 306, and Senate Bill 398, and Senate Bill 424, Senate Bill 538, Senate Bill 746, Senate Bill 1463, and Senate Bill 1472, Senate Bill 1474, and Senate Bill 1560. Representative Jakobsson, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 297 and House Resolution 306; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 264 and Senate Bill 1566; 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 47, Senate Bill 108, Senate Bill 233, Senate Bill 335, Senate Bill 640, Senate Bill 937, Senate Bill 1253, Senate Bill 1349, and Senate Bill 1618. Representative Fritchey, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I - Civil Law, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 472; 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 258, Senate Bill 330, Senate Bill 454, Senate Bill 534, Senate Bill 665, Senate Bill 1099, Senate Bill 1162, Senate Bill 1164, Senate Bill 1344, Senate Bill 1434, Senate Bill 1467, and Senate Bill 1576. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Drivers Education & Safety, to which the

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following measures were referred, action taken on May 08, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 80, Senate Bill 140, Senate Bill 172, Senate Bill 540, and Senate Bill 1557. The following measures referred to the House Committee on Rules. House Resolution 391, offered by Representative Howard. House Resolution 395, offered by Representative Joyce. House Resolution 396, offered by Representative Nekritz. House Resolution 397, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 398, offered by Representative Feigenholtz. And House Joint Resolution 58, offered by Representative Madigan. Introduction and Reading of Senate Bills-First Reading. Senate Bill 243, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 314, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning roads. Senate Bill 393, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. Senate Bill 394, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 395, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 439, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Senate Bill 509, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 697, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 710, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. And Senate Bill 765, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning State

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Government. This has been introduction and reading of the Senate Bills-First Reading."

Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We ask the Members and our guests in the gallery to turn off laptop computers, cell phones, and pagers, and we ask our guests in the gallery to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Today is a special day in the House of Representatives because we shall have two prayers. And I think we all agree, Mr. Durkin, that we could use two prayers, don't we? Do you want three? First, we shall be led in prayer by Father Michael Garanzini, the president of Loyola University in Chicago. Father Garanzini is the guest of Speaker Madigan."

Father Garanzini: "Let's bow our heads. Lord, in this season of spring, new life and renewal, we are reminded by nature's many blessings that life triumphs over death, justice conquers selfishness and prejudice, that courage and grace surpass the forces of degradation and betrayal, that truth defeats ignorance and conceit. May Your spirit of compassion and wisdom be upon us this day; compassion for those with whom we disagree, wisdom to see the kernel of truth in their position; compassion for those who'll be affected by the things we do today, wisdom to recognize our common duty and obligation; compassion enough to be a force for healing, wisdom enough to keep us from narrowing our reach in the scope of our awareness. Lord, keep us focused, keep us patient, keep us mindful of Your presence today throughout our deliberations. Amen."

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Speaker Madigan: "Next, we shall be led in prayer by Deacon Andrew Runyard who is with the Spring Grove Bible Fellowship in Spring Grove, Illinois. Deacon Runyard is the guest of Representative Jack Franks."

Deacon Runyard: "Most heavenly, gracious Father and Lord, we just come before You in Your blessed Son's name, Lord. I just thank You for this opportunity, Father, that we can freely pray in America. We just thank You and count it a privilege, Lord. I thank You for the freedom that has been given to us from those that have served our country and given their lives to our country, Lord, for freedom. Father, I just pray a blessing on them that Your sovereign hand is on their families, Father. I thank You for all the men and women that serve here in this Assembly, Father, for their hearts of service, Lord, to the State of Illinois. Lord, what a blessing, Father. I just pray that they would be humble, Lord, in their service. And we just thank You and praise You for each and every one of them, Father. I just... as driving down here last night, Lord, I... I got to see the vast amount of farmland. Lord, and I just pray today, Lord, that You would bless each and every farmer here in this State of Illinois, Lord, and... and across our country, that You would just bless them with the proper amount of sunshine and rain, and they would reap what they sow, Lord. And we praise You and thank You for that, Father. Lord, I just thank You that we are gathered here in an assembly that is dictating laws for our state, Father, but You have given us the greatest law of all. It's Your Ten Commandments, Father. And I just thank You for them, Lord, and that each

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and every one of us has trespassed one way or another against them, Father. So, I would just ask... and 1 John 1:9 says if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, Lord. I just ask for forgiveness for our nation, Lord, and anything we've done against You, Father. Just guide and protect us and bless us, Lord. I pray for all our allies to our nation, Father. And I also pray a special hedge of protection and blessing around the nation of Israel, Father. We just thank You and praise You, Father. I just pray that today would go well for each and every one here, Lord, that Your hand would be upon it, Lord. Just pray travel mercies for each and every person here as they go home tonight, Lord. And thank You and praise You in your son, Jesus' name. Amen."

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

Harris-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. The excused absences today are Representatives Patterson and Rich Bradley."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect all Republicans are present."

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Speaker Madigan: "There being 116 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Referred to the House Resolutions... or House Committee Resolutions is House Resolution 398, offered by Representative Feigenholtz. On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 389, offered by Representative Lang. House Resolution 390, offered by Representative Beiser. House Resolution 392, offered by Representative Biggins. House Resolution 393, offered by Representative Biggins. House Resolution 394, offered by Representative Brauer. House Resolution 399, offered by Representative Munson. And House Resolution 400, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk has read the Agreed Resolutions. Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted."

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Speaker Hannig: "So, Representative Hannig is in the Chair. Mr. Clerk, wanna read the Resolutions?"

Clerk Mahoney: "The following Resolutions are referred to the House Committee on Rules. House Resolution 402, offered by Representative Madigan. We have one House Bill



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introduction. House Bill 4096, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction and reading of Senate Bills-First Reading. Senate Bill 1508, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 774, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 810, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 934, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1007, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1047, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Senate Bill 1184, offered by Representative Graham, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Introduction and reading of Senate Bills-First Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow, May 10, at the hour of 1 p.m. All in favor of the Motion say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted and the House stands adjourned. Let me notify Members of the Rules Committee that there's going to be a meeting in the Rules Committee immediately."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or Joint Action Motion

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were referred, action taken on May 09, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'approved for floor consideration' recommends be adopted and referred to the Order of Resolutions is House Resolution 402, offered by Representative Madigan. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."