

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "All assembled in this auditorium, give attention. All assembled in this auditorium, give attention. The Secretary of State, the Honorable Jesse White, sends greetings and proclaims that this day, the second Wednesday of January 2011, is the day fixed for the convening of the House of Representatives of the 97th General Assembly of the State of Illinois pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution. The Provisional Doorkeeper is directed to clear the aisles."

Provisional Doorkeeper Crawford: Will all those not entitled to the floor please retire from the auditorium stage."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Will all the Representative-elects please be assembled on the auditorium stage. May I have your attention. At the Speaker's rostrum and ready to convene the House of Representatives of the 97th General Assembly in and for the great State of Illinois is the Secretary of State, the Honorable Jesse White."

Secretary White: "The House of Representatives of the 97th General Assembly of the State of Illinois will come to order. Welcome. Quoting from the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, Article IV, Section 6(b), 'On the first day of January Session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall convene the House of Representatives to elect from its Membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as presiding officer.' We shall be led in prayer by Pastor Thomas Cross of the United Methodist Church of northern Illinois. Pastor Cross is also the father of House Republican Leader,

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Tom Cross. Will the Members and their guests please stand and remain standing until after the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Cross: "I want to thank Speaker Madigan and Republican Leader Cross for the opportunity to open our Session in prayer. Let us pray. By whatever name we call You, whatever theology we understand You, by whatever means we worship You, God of all people, all ages, all nations, and all races, we humbly come to You in prayer as we open this Session and we come today in a restless state of known unease. Angry and jealous God, we assemble under hovering clouds of doubt, resisting our awareness that we can no longer appease You with vain promises. You sent Your word through the artist that hell is truth discovered too late. You sent Your word through the poet that things fall apart the center cannot hold. Our little systems have their day; they have their day and cease to be. The imperceptible demise of pillars of power, seemingly immortalized, is even now gradually becoming more disturbingly resonant. The foundations of the earth do shake. They rock like a hammock, they twist in the wind, they split into pieces. Holy of Holies, Your winnowing fork is in Your hand, rendering our lust for cheap grace and easy fixes, a portrait of painful farce. We poor naked wretches, where so ere we are, how shall our houseless heads and unfed sides, our looped and windowed raggedness defend us in seasons such as these? And yet, oh God, as we find ourselves on the very precipice of despair, we remember Your truth that faith is in things hoped for, not yet seen. We remember Your promise to the exiles, 'Behold, I'm doing

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

a new thing. Do you yet perceive it?' The new may appear in remote corners of our soul, which we have neglected for a long time. The new may appear in dreams, which had been shut out by old decisions. The new always comes when we least believe in it. It comes only in the moment when the old is finally revealed as tragic and dying and there is no way out. And we remember, oh God, that throughout history in the midst of enormous deficit, in the midst of boulders forever careening downward and backward, You come giving bread in the wilderness, You come giving signposts to a distant daylight, You come giving esters to the deads for sure, You come giving futures to the weary, resigned. Help us to see. Help us to see, Amen."

Secretary White: "Thank you very much, Pastor Cross. And will the Dean of the House, Representative Michael J. Madigan, lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Madigan - 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."

Secretary White: "You may be seated. You may be seated for the duration of the organizational proceedings. I have appointed the following provisional officers: as Provisional Clerk, Mark Mahoney; as Provisional Doorkeeper, Lee Crawford; and as Provisional Parliamentarian, David Ellis. Also, joining with us, we have some distinguished guests from the State of Illinois. We have the Attorney General Lisa Madigan, the newly elected Treasurer Dan Rutherford, Auditor General Bill Holland, Supreme Court

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Justice Rita Garman, Supreme Court Justice Lloyd Karmeier, Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, U.S. Representative John Shimkus. The Provisional Clerk will call the roll of the Members elected to the 97th General Assembly. The roll will be called in alphabetical order as certified by the State Board of Elections, and each Member in attendance shall answer 'present'. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Edward Acevedo; Luis Arroyo; Jason Barickman; Mark Beaubien; Daniel Beiser; Patricia 'Patti' Bellock; Maria 'Toni' Berrios; Daniel Biss; Mike Bost; John Bradley; Dan Brady; Rich Brauer; Adam Brown; Daniel Burke; Kelly Burke; William 'Will' Burns; John Cavaletto; Linda Chapa LaVia; Franco Coladipietro; Sandy Cole; Annazette Collins; Marlow Colvin; Michael Connelly; Fred Crespo; Tom Cross; William Cunningham; Barbara Flynn Currie; John D'Amico; Monique Davis; William 'Will' Davis; Anthony DeLuca; Lisa Dugan; Kenneth 'Ken' Dunkin; Jim Durkin; Roger Eddy; Keith Farnham; Sara Feigenholtz; Mary Flowers; LaShawn Ford; Michael Fortner; Jack Franks; Robyn Gabel; Esther Golar; Jehan Gordon; Norine Hammond; David Harris; Gregory Harris; Kay Hatcher; Chad Hays; Elizabeth 'Lisa' Hernandez; Thomas 'Tom' Holbrook; Constance 'Connie' Howard; Eddie Lee Jackson; Naomi Jakobsson; Charles 'Chuck' Jefferson; Thaddeus Jones; Dwight Kay; Renée Kosel; Lou Lang; David Leitch; Camille Lilly; Joseph Lyons; Michael J. Madigan; Sidney Mathias; Frank Mautino; Karen May; Rita Mayfield; Emily McAsey; Michael McAuliffe; Kevin McCarthy; Jack McGuire; Deborah Mell; Susana Mendoza; Bill Mitchell; Jerry Mitchell; Donald Moffitt; Thomas 'Tom' Morrison;

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Richard Morthland; Rosemary Mulligan; Michelle Mussman; Elaine Nekritz; Chris Nybo; JoAnn Osmond; Harry Osterman; Brandon Phelps; Sandra Pihos; Raymond Poe; Robert Pritchard; Harry 'Randy' Ramey; Dennis Reboletti; David Reis; Dan Reitz; Al Riley; Robert 'Bob' Rita; Chapin Rose; Wayne Arthur Rosenthal; Pam Roth; Jim Sacia; Angelo 'Skip' Saviano; Timothy Schmitz; Darlene Senger; Carol Sente; Keith Sommer; Joe Sosnowski; Cynthia Soto; Ron Stephens; Ed Sullivan, Jr.; André Thapedi; Jil Tracy; Michael Tryon; Arthur Turner; Michael Unes; Patrick Verschoore; Jim Watson; Ann Williams; Dave Winters; Karen Yarbrough; Michael Zalewski."

Secretary White: "116 Representatives-elect having answered to the roll and being in attendance, a quorum is present and the House of Representatives of the 97th General Assembly is officially convened. Provisional Clerk will enter the Attendance Roll in the Journal. And now I have the honor of presenting the former Member of the House, the Honorable Alan J. Greiman, retired justice of the Appellate Court, who will administer the constitutional oath of office followed by which each Member shall execute their written oath to be filed in my office. The Honorable Alan J. Greiman."

Justice Greiman: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. If each of you would please stand at this time and raise your right hand and repeat after me. 'I, state your name, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

of the Office of Representative in the General Assembly according to the very best of my ability.' Congratulations to you all."

Secretary White: "Congratulations, Ladies and Gentlemen. Again, will all the Members of the House please execute their written oath and submit them to the Provisional Clerk. Members shall execute their signatures twice on the sheet placed at their chair and pass the oaths toward the center aisle. There will be a person at the center aisle that will collect them. The House will be at ease for a few moments. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you keep talking when I'm talking I'll have to suspend your license from here. Under Article IV, Section 6(b) of the Constitution, the first day... the first Order of Business of the House is the election from its Membership, the Speaker and presiding officer. The House is now governed by the Rules of the House of the 96th General Assembly, which are made applicable to these proceedings by Section 3 of the General Assembly Operations Act. These rules provide that the person receiving a majority of the votes of the Members elected shall be declared elected Speaker; therefore, 60 votes in favor of the nominee shall be required to become Speaker. Debate shall not be in order following the nominations and proceedings or during the vote. Nominations are now in order for the office of Speaker. The Lady from Cook, Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, is recognized to offer a nomination."

Currie: "Thank you, Secretary White. Welcome to our distinguished guests, our family and our friends, and to

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

the newly-minted Members of the 90... of the House of Representatives of the 97th General Assembly, I offer congratulations. You have been elected to a job that is challenging, but is also deeply rewarding. In our system, the Legislature shares equal footing with the Executive and with the Judiciary, and I hope that each of us will make sure that we remain a full partner in our governmental enterprise. It is my privilege today to nominate Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House. Mike has a record of absolute commitment to this institution and to its legitimate prerogatives and his record as Speaker shows how seriously he takes the job, how willing he is to put in the time, the intelligence, and the energy it takes to get it right. He understands the issues. He's thoughtful. He's considerate. He's not a snap judgment kind of guy and the results of his deliberative approach serve the people well. In fact, our form of government supports a deliberative approach. Success requires consensus and compromise. Mike understands the art of leadership and he values bipartisanship. In the Session just ended, it was Mike who spearheaded the effort to reform state and local pension systems, to improve nursing home care and to restore integrity to the program that provides health care for the poor. And in each of these efforts it was Mike who invited the full participation of the Minority Party. Mike recognizes the challenges we face. He understands the divisions that plague us: rich against poor, upstate against down, city versus suburb. He understands that our diversity, which is our greatest strength, is also the

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

source of our greatest challenges. Mike bridges divisions and he helps us build on the values we share. And even as we've just taken our oath of office in the 97th General Assembly, we know our state faces major challenges. The worst recession since the Great Depression, an unemployment rate that, while below the national average, cries out for improvement. One man has the capacity to chart a course toward a better Illinois, that man is Michael Madigan. He's honest, he's decent; he's a person of great integrity. And for all his commitment to this institution, Mike is first and foremost a family man. He is devoted to his beautiful wife, Shirley, their children, Lisa and Pat, Tiffany and Jordan, Nicole, Andrew and the grandchildren; Rebecca, who will be six on Saturday and her little sister, the irrepressible Lucy. It is my pleasure; it is my treat; it is my great honor to nominate Michael J. Madigan for the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 97th General Assembly."

Secretary White: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan, for Speaker of the House. Is there a second to this nomination? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Williamson, Representative John Bradley."

Bradley: "You know, I've taken that oath four times and every time I do I get a little bit of a chill. What an awesome experience. I'm honored and humbled to be here today. I rise to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 97th General Assembly of this great State of Illinois. Perhaps our

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

greatest Illinoisan, Abraham Lincoln said, 'Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.' For as many years as Speaker, Mike Madigan has been tested time and time again and his character has always prevailed. I don't think any of us can appreciate the pressures, the challenges, the amount of work our Speaker faces on a daily basis, the difficult decisions, the heart-wrenching choices. But I believe that it is his love of our state, his respect for this institution and his devotion to principle that keeps him going. As he once again is nominated to assume this great responsibility, he becomes one of the longest serving public figures in the history of this state and the history of this great country. Lincoln also said, 'Whatever you are, be a good one.' Speaker Madigan has done just that. He has given his all to this job and he has given his all to this state, and the mark that he has left in hopes to continue to make is immeasurable. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Elaine Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speak... Mr. Secretary. I... I would agree with my colleague, John Bradley, that it is... makes you feel really... it's an awesome responsibility that we take on when we take this oath of office and if I... but I also have to say, at this time more than any other, I feel as much terrified as I do how I am inspired by the awe of it. It gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the Illinois House. A Speaker has many hats to wear. A Speaker has to be an

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

orchestra conductor, making sure that the operations of the House run smoothly. Over these many years, Mike Madigan has demonstrated his ability to do just that. No one has greater command of the House process, procedures, and rules. He is a master at keeping things functional. A Speaker has to be a shepherd, rounding up votes, herding the calves, balancing the needs of a very divergent constituencies around this large and diverse State of Illinois. Over these many years, Mike Madigan has demonstrated his ability to do just that. We don't need to look any further than the historic vote taken last night to see just how skilled he is at getting things done even when the task looks impossible. The Speaker has to be a policy want, understanding the ins and outs of an impossibly large number of public policy issues. Over the years Mike Madigan has demonstrated his ability to do just that. He reads every Bill, delves into the details of legislation and listens to make sure he understands the two, three, four, five sides of an issue before making a decision. The Speaker must be a therapist for Members, welcoming them with open arms, engaging them on a very personal level, reaching out to them just to make sure they're having a really good day, offering friendly advice. Over the years, Michael J. Madigan has, well, I guess he can't be the best at everything, but for these and many, many reasons and many additional reasons, it's my pleasure to second the nomination."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes Representative Susana Mendoza from Cook."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. And I'd like to start by congratulating my colleagues, the seasoned ones as well as the newbies. I just want to say that it's been my sincere honor and will continue to be so, to serve with you in this Body. So, thank you and congratulations. It's also my sincere honor to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. I've had the privilege to serve under his unparalleled leadership for 10 years now, only a quarter of the time that Illinois has benefited from his almost 40 years of stewardship. Over the last decade, I have witnessed his skills as a leader and a man who time and time again has demonstrated his passion and love for this state and has consistently put Illinois first. His work ethic is unmatched. He is steeped in discipline, laser focused, and impossible to unnerve. He's a brilliant politician, tactician, and public servant, and a great man whose commitment to Illinois is only matched by that to his family. While many may aspire to be like him, there is only one Michael J. Madigan. Someday our children will learn of his contributions to this state and to the Democratic Party. They'll know how he led his government in ridding our state of a corrupt governor. They'll also know of his unwavering commitment to the Members of his caucus, both past and future. His is the stuff that legends are made of. We've had the opportunity to serve, grow, and more importantly, learn from him in these daunting times, but now more than ever we need him to lead us again. Every news outlet, media pundit and know-it-all

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

out there, had this election cycle pegged as the year that the Democrats would lose control of the House. They blamed the Speaker for everything from a pothole in the streets of Chicago to the collapse of this state's financial security. And while we did experience some losses, I would submit that the only reason we, Democrats, maintained our majority is because of Michael J. Madigan. While panic mode was prevalent among many, it was never an option for the Speaker. He brought calm, discipline, his immeasurable knowledge of the system, and his steel nerve directing the elections that afforded us the opportunity to be here in control of the House and ready to move Illinois forward. And as always is the case, Michael J. Madigan proved the naysayers wrong delivering for his team and for all of Illinois. Because of Michael J. Madigan's leadership, Illinois is an oasis of bloom in a desert of red. Every single state that we border saw their majorities go from Democrat to Republican. Illinois is the lone exception and we owe that success to Michael J. Madigan. There is only one person who embodies all of the leadership qualities that Illinois needs at this tenuous time in our history, and only one person who has the combined expertise, know-how, and the intestinal fortitude to get the job done. There is no close second, not even close. I, for one, am thankful to the Speaker for his leadership and for what he's done for each and every one of us. He's earned our respect and continued support and that is why today I am particularly honored to second the nomination of Michael J.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Madigan for Speaker of the Illinois House of the 97th General Assembly. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Peoria, Representative Jehan Gordon."

Gordon: "Good afternoon. I'm humbled to have the opportunity to stand before you in my second term. I'm an ordinary girl from Peoria, Illinois, who has had the opportunity to do some extraordinary things. Thank you all for being here today and sharing with us. Today I cast my vote for Speaker of the House to someone who has committed their entire life to this process, to this state, year after year, decade after decade. I cast my vote for a man who has provided proven, time-tested leadership to this Body. And as Charles Dickens once famously said, 'In the best of times and in the worst of times.' Managers manage to the bottom line, leaders lead to the horizon. On this day I cast my vote and I'd like to ask my colleagues if they would cast their vote for Speaker of the House to be Michael J. Madigan."

Secretary White: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan, for Speaker of the House. The Gentleman from Williamson, Representative Bradley; the Lady from Cook, Representative Nekritz; the Lady from Cook, Representative Mendoza; and the Lady from Peoria, Representative Gordon, second the nomination of Representative Michael J. Madigan for the office of Speaker. Representative Madigan is nominated for the office of Speaker. Are there further nominations for the

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Office of Speaker? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Kane, Representative Tim Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Good afternoon and thank you for joining us here today. You braved the weather to see a day that's very important to all of us sitting in this auditorium and the residents of the state. I'm pleased to stand before you today to nominate my friend, Tom Cross, to be our next Speaker. It's an honor for me as I respect Tom and his ability to lead our caucus. Tom Cross is the man who works in the open. His willingness to work with others to solve our critical issues is the reason I'm standing before you today. The office of Speaker is not one of title only, it's a responsibility. It requires a person with unique qualities to clearly address the issues, put together the teams to solve them, and work diligently to implement the solutions. Tom takes the time to ask each of us what we think. We need more of this if we're to move forward. Theodore Roosevelt once stated, 'People ask the difference between a leader and a boss. The leader works in the open, the boss is covert. The leader leads, the boss drives.' Many of us in this chamber will disagree from time to time on the issues and what we need to do to resolve them. It's too easy to get caught up in the differences we have. Tom Cross can lead us out of our limbo because he not only respects the differences, he is acutely aware of what brings us together, and it's in that desire to serve and to do the right thing. It's in this spirit that I proudly nominate my friend, our Leader Tom Cross, for the office of Speaker. Thank you."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Kane, Representative Schmitz, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Kendall, Tom Cross, for Speaker of the House. The Gentleman from Macon, Representative Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Secretary White. Esteemed colleagues, honored guests, I rise to second the nomination of Tom Cross for Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 97th General Assembly. Leader Cross has been a strong advocate for real reforms to our broken budgeting process. He has demanded accountability for how taxpayers' money is spent, his push for a pay-as-you-go budget approach, and his call for a line by line review of all state spending to identify areas of waste, fraud, and redundancy. Tom Cross understands that Illinois cannot tax and spend its way into prosperity. He recognizes the disparities between Illinois's business climate and those of surrounding states and has fought to keep hardworking jobs right here in Illinois. Leader Cross understands the long term solution to the many serious problems that our state faces lies right here with the men and women of the House of Representatives. Legislators with real-world experience: farmers, teachers, entrepreneurs that Leader Cross has worked diligently to cultivate. Ladies and Gentlemen, today we are at a crossroads in Illinois. We have the opportunity to break from the status quo, to break from the failed policies of yesterday and move Illinois forward. With Tom Cross as our Speaker we can work together to pass meaningful reforms that will help get Illinois back on track. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Legislature, your

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

district, your vote, your voice, be it upstate or downstate, Republican or Democrat, will be heard under Tom Cross. And for these reasons, I'm proud to second the nomination for Tom Cross as Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from DuPage, Representative Darlene Senger."

Senger: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. I'm going to be brief because I'm the last one, so you'll be grateful for that. It is with great respect and confidence in our Legislative Body that I rise today to nominate the distinguished Member from Kendall County, Leader Tom Cross, for the Office of Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. Take a moment and think about who you think is a leader. Who in your mind, when you think of a leader, who comes to your mind? Now many of us think of a CEO or someone who's been a president or someone we know that ran an organization, but very few of us actually have the ability and the privilege to work with someone who is a real true leader, and that is Tom. I've been fortunate as a freshman Legislator to work with Tom for the last two years, and I can tell you that I have experienced someone that knows how to lead. Tom listens. Tom recognizes we have talents and he also knows how we should utilize those talents to the best of our ability, and you cannot do that unless you listen. Tom is not a dictator. Tom knows how to build consensus and he builds consensus by participation. And he, most importantly, Tom understands that we're not part of the solution, but we are the solution, and if you have

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

the proper leadership, you will have the proper solution. Anybody who knows Tom's parents knows where he got this stuff which, yep, you saw his dad earlier. So, therefore, with great enthusiasm and respect I'd like to second the nomination of my Leader, your Leader, Tom Cross, for the office of Speaker of the House of Illinois Representatives."

Secretary White: "With all due respect, we still have another Gentleman who would like to second the nomination of Tom Cross for Speaker of the House. He is Mr. David Leitch from Peoria, Illinois. Representative, nice to see you again, Sir."

Leitch: "Nice to see you."

Secretary White: "You know we did time together."

Leitch: "We did indeed and I'm very proud of those days as I am to be here today."

Secretary White: "Good time."

Leitch: "And thank you, don't worry, this kind of thing happens to me all the time. I have to tell you how much we all appreciate your presence here today. This is a very, very important occasion that occurs, a peaceful transition to power and to represent the aspirations and futures of our citizens in Illinois. It is a very special honor for me to be able to second the nomination of my good friend, Tom Cross, for Speaker. I don't do this lightly. For what I have seen in Tom are important characteristics for that role. Vision, without vision the people perish, as the good book says and that is so true. And Tom has a well-grounded vision in the rights, in the aspiration, in the

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

future, in the values that have made America and this state so great. Integrity, as we've already heard he had a marvelous upbringing with his father, the Reverend Tom Cross, but Tom is a person who speaks to integrity, not in words, but in deed. So he doesn't have to say that he has integrity because it oozes from Tom whose colleagues see that integrity expressed in his concerns, his willingness to listen and his ability to reach out for consensus and to draw us all together. Perhaps most importantly Tom has a passion to serve. After all, it is the position we are elected to is to serve, to serve the people of Illinois, to serve our constituents, and take the state to new and higher achievements. Tom has a wonderful passion for service expressed by the fact that in the last campaign there wasn't a town, a hamlet, or a corner store throughout Illinois that Tom would not make himself available to talk to the people who were there; to support candidates who were running; to work tirelessly to raise funds; to be and demonstrate the attributes of Speaker. So, it is with those reasons and with those characteristics in mind that I, too, am very proud to second the nomination of Tom Cross for Speaker. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Kane, Representative Schmitz, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Kendall, Tom Cross, for Speaker of the House. The Gentleman from Macon, Representative Brown; the Lady from DuPage, Representative Senger; the Gentleman from Peoria, Representative Leitch seconds the nomination of Thomas Cross for the office of Speaker. Representative Cross is

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

nominated for the Office of Speaker. Are there further nominations for the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives? There being no further nominations offered from the floor, nominations for the Office of Speaker are closed. The nominees for the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 97th General Assembly are as follows: Representative Michael J. Madigan and Representative Tom Cross. And on that question, the Clerk will call the roll and will ask all Members to be in their chairs. We will have a Roll Call vote and when your name is called please stand and announce your vote in a loud clear voice. The question on the election of the Speaker of the House of the 97th General Assembly.. and before we go to that question, we'd like to recognize the Gentleman from Kendall, Representative Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary and Members of the House. I move that the House vote by acclamation for Michael Madigan, Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 97th General Assembly. And I'd appreciate at least one Member... (Inaudible)"

Secretary White: "Granted. When we work together, wonderful things happen. The Gentleman from Kendall, Representative Cross, has moved that the House of Representatives vote by acclamation for the election of Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 95th 97th) General Assembly. This will be 97th, typographical error, 97th General Assembly. And on that Motion I recognize Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "(Inaudible)."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Secretary White: "Mr. Clerk, there is a Motion on the floor to elect by acclamation Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 97th General Assembly. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan, has been elected Speaker of the House by acclamation. And on that question... and on that question, Representative Madigan receives 115 votes and Representative Cross receives 1 vote. I hereby declare Michael J. Madigan has been elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 97th General Assembly and Tom Cross has been elected Minority Leader of the House of Representatives for the 97th General Assembly. Congratulations. With the consent of the House, I will appoint the Members to constitute the Honor Committee to escort the Speaker of the House to the rostrum to take the constitutional oath. Is there leave? Leave being granted, I appoint the following to the Committee of Escort: Representative Thomas Holbrook, Representative Deborah Mell, Representative Ken Dunkin, Representative Fred Crespo, Representative Dennis Reboletti, Representative Sandy Cole, Representative Wayne Rosenthal, and Representative Michael Unes. Will you please assemble at the desk of Speaker Madigan. Will the committee retire to the seat of Representative Madigan to escort him to the rostrum to administer the constitutional oath. On a personal note, I'd like to congratulate you, Mr. Speaker. I served with you for many years and I applaud, commend, and thank you, Sir, for your commitment to duty. To administer the constitutional oath of the Speaker, I have

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

the honor, again, of presenting to the House, The Honorable Alan J. Greiman, retired justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. Joining Justice Greiman on the rostrum are members of Speaker Madigan's family who will assist in the administering of the oath. Justice Greiman."

Justice Greiman: "Michael, come up here. Raise your right hand and repeat after me. This is a family bible. I, *and your name...*"

Madigan: "I, Michael J. Madigan..."

Justice Greiman: "...do solemnly swear..."

Madigan: "...do solemnly swear..."

Justice Greiman: "...that I will support the Constitution of the United States..."

Madigan: "...that I will support the Constitution of the United States..."

Justice Greiman: "...and the Constitution of the State of Illinois..."

Madigan: "...and the Constitution of the State of Illinois..."

Justice Greiman: "...and that I will faithfully discharge the duties..."

Madigan: "...and that I will faithfully discharge the duties..."

Justice Greiman: "...of the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives..."

Madigan: "...of the Office of Speaker of the House of Representative..."

Justice Greiman: "...according to the best of my ability."

Madigan: "...according to the best of my ability."

Justice Greiman: "Congratulations, Mr. Speaker."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Speaker Madigan: "First, could we all give a warm round of applause to Secretary Jesse White for the excellent work he... Let me also thank former Justice, former Member of the House of Representatives, Alan Greiman. Alan has had a distinguished career of public service to the people of the State of Illinois. He served previously in the House of Representatives, served as one of my Assistant Leaders, later became a circuit court judge in Cook County and then a member of the Appellate Court in Cook County. In all of those capacities, let me simply say that Alan did an outstanding job always bringing to the job a sense of doing the right thing, a sense of sensitivity, a sense... an ability to work cooperatively with people on really difficult, difficult issues. So, Alan, again, thank you for being here and thank you for administering the oath of office to all of us."

Justice Greimans: "Thank you. (Inaudible)."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all seen the members of my family and it's because of that family that I've enjoyed the success in life that I have enjoyed. Every member of our family owes an extreme debt of gratitude to my wife, Shirley, the woman who has made it all possible for all of us to do the wonderful things we've done. So, Shirley, thank you very much and I love you very much. Most of you know my daughter, Lisa, who serves with great distinction as the Attorney General of the State of Illinois. My daughter, Tiffany, is here today and our daughter, Nicole, is in Chicago because of a minor illness. With us today is also my son, Andrew. And so, to all of you, thank you very,

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

very much for being here. Thank you for all the love and caring that you've shown to me over many, many years. To the Members of the House of Representatives, thank you for bestowing upon me for the 14th time, 14 times, the honor of serving as your Speaker of the House of Representatives. My pledge to the Members of the House, my pledge to all of our guests here today, my pledge to the people of the State of Illinois is to continue to do my best to lead the House of Representatives in an honorable manner and as a coequal branch of State Government. We have just finished, just yesterday, the 96th General Assembly of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois. A recent Session of the General Assembly was among the most controversial, among the most contentious, and yes, among one of the most successful Sessions in the history of this state. In the January issue of Illinois Issues Magazine, there was a very interesting article by Charles N. Wheeler III, better known to us around the Capitol Building as Charlie Wheeler. Charlie Wheeler's father was a reporter for the Chicago Sun-Times. Charlie Wheeler III was a reporter for the Sun-Times starting about 1969, when he covered the Constitutional Convention for the Sun-Times and then later he became the Bureau Chief of the Sun-Times at the Capitol Building. Today he serves right here at the University of Illinois as the director of public affairs reporting program, the University of Illinois at Springfield. He wrote a very interesting article which I'm going to quote twice during my remarks. At the very beginning of this article he states that the outgoing General Assembly, the

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

96th General Assembly, already ranks as one of the most productive in recent memory. On a number of major issues, Majority Democrats and Minority Republicans placed the public interest above partisan gain to enact significant legislation. I think it's very appropriate that we spend time today reflecting upon the events of the last Session of the General Assembly, the last two years. And at the beginning of that two-year period, there were three historic events. At the very beginning of the period, a fellow Illinoisan, a former Member of the State Senate here in Illinois, made history by being elected as the first African American as the President of the United States. We, in the General Assembly, greatly facilitated the election of Barack Obama because in the midst of his Primary campaigns we changed the Primary date for Illinois moving Illinois into a bracket where candidate Obama would have a significant victory at a point in his campaign where it was really critical that he have the votes coming out of Illinois, and it was the Legislature here in Illinois which took that action and greatly helped the ascendancy of Barack Obama to the Presidency. Number two, the Legislature for the first time in the history of Illinois removed a sitting Governor. And number three, the nation tumbled in to a national economic collapse. Those three events at the very beginning of the two-year period greatly influenced the actions and the considerations taken by the Legislature by the subsequent two years. It was that national economic collapse that reduced state receipts under the Illinois income and sales tax by 25 percent. So,

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

just reflect on that for a short time. Wherever you may be involved in balancing books, whether it's in a business, whether it's in your home, if you encounter a 25 percent in receipts, you have a serious, serious problem to contend with and that's exactly what happened to the State of Illinois. Lower receipts, along with overspending over several years led to yesterday's tax increase vote in the Legislature, but I hasten to add that contained in the language of the tax increase Bill, because of outstanding work and advocacy by Representative Elaine Nekritz, is an actual cap that will place a restriction on spending by the State of Illinois over the period of that tax increase and if the cap is violated, the tax would be immediately repealed. We all wish that we, serving in the Legislature, just on our own could exercise good spending restraint, but the history tells us that the action advocated by Representative Nekritz placed in the Bill, soon to become the law of the State of Illinois, was a necessary step to put Illinois on the path to a sound financial program through the next four years and beyond. During these last two years, the Illinois Legislature was very active. We knew that we had an ethical problem with the people of the State of Illinois. We knew that we would be called upon to take action, change the laws of the state, bring on better ethics for public officials in Illinois. So let's give credit. Nnumber one, credit to Dan Hynes. It was the Comptroller Dan Hynes who caused the introduction of a Bill before the Legislature, advocated for its passage. It provides that Illinois will ban pay-to-play. So, if you're

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

an individual or you're a company, you wish to do business with the State of Illinois over a certain threshold amount, you will be prohibited from making contributions to the Chief Executive Officer with whom you are doing business, with whom you have a contract. Number two, we knew that we needed to do a better job in ferreting out wrongdoing within the bureaucracy of the State of Illinois. And so by statute, to all of your credit, we gave increased power and authority to all of the Inspector Generals that serve in the government of the State of Illinois. Number three, credit to my daughter, Lisa. She, in the office of Attorney General, came before the Legislature advocating for improvement, strengthening in the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. This had been a longstanding complaint by citizens and by the news media where there would be applications for governmental information. There would be stonewalling by governments, the State Government, local governments. The office of the Attorney General brought forward a proposal, which provided for strengthening across the board of the statute, but also for the creation of the office of Public Access Counsel in the office of Attorney General. So today, when there's stonewalling by a governmental agency, the person making the request can go to the office of Public Access Counsel, make their case, get a binding order from the Public Access Counsel, which will compel the governmental unit to turn over the information. That's the law of Illinois today. Illinois is a \$50 billion enterprise. Illinois as a state collects \$50 billion a year, combined federal and state, and spends

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

that much money. Consequently, we buy a lot of goods and services. And one of the aspects of the scandal that we lived through related to purchasing, purchasing many times in the Department of Central Management Services of the state. Because of our action in the Legislature, there are tougher, tougher rules placed upon purchasing by the State of Illinois today. The purchasing officers, pursuant to statute, function in silos where they're insulated from undue influence from those attempting to do business with the State of Illinois. We've provided for increased disclosure and strong conflict of interest provisions for the various state boards and commissions including the state pension system, such as the Teachers Retirement System, where there was a major problem just a few years ago. And lastly, for the first time, we've imposed limits on campaign contributions to all campaign committees in the State of Illinois. So, we were busy, not just on ethics, we were busy on other things. Number one, we had received serious complaints about the difficulty of doing trade shows and conventions at McCormick Place in Chicago. McCormick Place is a huge part of the commerce of Chicago and the State of Illinois. McCormick Place was losing trade shows because the promoters of the trade shows found it too difficult to work under union work rules at McCormick Place. President John Cullerton and myself created a joint committee. We took a great amount of testimony from the trade shows, the people at the convention center, from the unions. We entered into difficult and protracted negotiations. In the end, we

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

moved the Bill over the objections of the labor unions. The Bill passed. The Governor signed the Bill. The trade shows are coming back to Chicago. The major trade show, which was lost, just announced a few days ago they're coming back to Chicago and when they come to Chicago, they bring 32 thousand visitors to the city. They will spend money in the city, pay taxes to the State of Illinois, pay taxes to the City of Chicago. All of us saw the horrendous disclosures of violations of the vulnerable in our nursing homes in the state. It was well reported by the Chicago Tribune. They don't always do real well in their reporting, but on this one, they were dead on. Under the leadership of my counsel, right here, David Ellis, who's a native... a noted author, you might want to buy some of his books, a complete overhaul of the regulatory system was put in place for the nursing homes of Illinois. We've been told correctly that our pension systems are underfunded, severely underfunded, and so, again, we took action. We provided going forward that Illinois will have a two-tier pension system bringing down the cost of financing those systems. Interestingly, what we did has not been universally acclaimed. There's a continuing request to do more. Leader Cross and I talked about this, this morning and we both acknowledged that we will be required to do more. But in the meantime, understand, we are one of only 14 states in America that have taken any action on changing public pension systems, addressing the escalating costs of those systems. Fourteen states in America have taken action, the others have done nothing. On education, on

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Race to the Top, most of the Members of the Legislature are familiar with Race to the Top, for those that are not, it was a federal program that said if you make major changes in how you evaluate your teaching system, you can apply for federal grants. Well, unfortunately, Illinois was not awarded a grant, but in the process of filing the application, in here Representative Chapa LaVia was intimately involved along with former Representative Mike Smith, Representative Roger Eddy, Representative Jerry Mitchell, the Legislature rewrote key provisions of the State School Code to track individual student achievement more accurately and to link student growth more closely to teacher and principal evaluations. Our application was not accepted, but those reforms remain in the statute books of the State of Illinois potentially yielding solid improvements in Illinois schools. And here again, due in large part to Leader Cross, Illinois, for the first time in nine years, has a new capital program where we'll be able to do major construction projects, put people to work, and do our part to improve the Illinois economy. In our postelection Session, let's give credit to Representative Greg Harris for his excellent advocacy of the legislation that will provide for civil unions in the State of Illinois. On the question of the death penalty, let's give credit to Representative Karen Yarbrough, Representative Barbara Flynn Currie for the legislation, which is now on the Governor's desk, which will repeal the death penalty in Illinois. On Medicaid reforms, let's give credit to Representative Bellock and again, Representative Currie for

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

the major changes in the eligibility requirements in the Medicaid program, which will bring on huge savings immediately and as we go forward. And then lastly, starting in this Session of the General Assembly, we're going to do our budgeting in a different way. We have found fault with how we do budget-making. We're going to move to a system called budgeting for outcome and here, let's give credit to Representative Nekritz, Representative Sente, Representative Jack Franks. That's in place as we go forward. So, we've done a lot, but as always, we have more to do. We have more to do in the area of education. We have to work to provide for a better performance by the educational system in general and by the teachers that work inside of that educational system. And clearly the time has come, once and for all, to change the Illinois law so that incompetent teachers can be taken out of the classroom. In the postelection Session, we tried to bring down the cost in the workers' compensation system, give credit to Representative John Bradley for the great work that he did. We did not accomplish our goal, but we're not finished. We're coming back next Session and we're going to work as hard as we possibly can to recognize that this is a system that needs change. We need to bring down the cost so that Illinois is no longer the second most costly state in the nation in workers' compensation costs. We have to learn to live within our means. We cannot backtrack on those changes that we made in the Medicaid system. We cannot backtrack on those changes we made in the pension systems. That's going to require courage.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

That's going to require people to say no when someone comes along and says, well, there's that Section in the Medicaid reforms that is a little onerous, can't we change that. And then the Bills are probably filed already where people are saying we have to repeal those pension law changes we did and then when those unions come around and say, oh, help my members. So, we're going to need to have some courage and tell people no and to that end, let me say again, that the spending restraint put in the tax Bill, mainly because of Representative Nekritz, will be a great help to us as we move through the next four years in terms of moderating the cost of State Government and living within our means. In closing, let me simply say to the Members of the House, let us all honor and respect the institution of the Legislature. That's real easy for me to do because there's so much of my life that's been dedicated to the Legislature and the Legislature has meant so much to me. And I say to all of you, you're a part of the institution. Honor, respect the institution and always, always, be an advocate for the role of the Legislature as a coequal branch of government. To finish, let me again quote Mr. Charles Wheeler. I know a lot of you Members of the House are anxious to meet Charlie Wheeler now. Again, back to his article, he reported groundbreaking reforms in the area of pensions, education, and ethics; and he noted, may the women and men who take their oath of office on January 12, the 97th Session of the General Assembly, do as well as the Members of the 96th. Again, thank you for the confidence that you have placed in me. Let me offer my

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

congratulations to all of you and best wishes for a very successful 97th Session of the Illinois General Assembly. Thank you very much. At this time, the Chair would recognize Representative Cross, Mr. Tom Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll keep my comments fairly short. First of all to you, Mr. Speaker, congratulations to your election as Speaker, we are pledged to work with you. I want to acknowledge... And we will work with you. I want to acknowledge a few people here today. First of all, my wife, Genie, and son, Hudson, and daughter, Reynolds, could not be here. They have finals week in Oswego so they thought that was, and they were right, more important than being here with their father. They've seen this before. You heard from my father and his prayer. It was as usual an excellent job. Mark Beaubien leaned over and said, I hope you're not going to forget your Mom, and I said, of course not. My Mom is here, a very capable individual in her own right, a teacher, a principal, an assistant superintendent, and now doing consulting in the field of education, both very talented individuals and I'm lucky, as are my three brothers, to have had... have two good parents that provided a lot of support and love through everything we did and we are very fortunate for that. I want to also acknowledge my friends that are here today. I've been doing this for a number of years and my friends here from Kendall County and Will County and DuPage County have always been there to support me and to support our efforts and I am very, very blessed in my role as both a State Representative and as the House Republican Leader to have

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

that friendship and that support. I also want to thank my caucus for being confident enough and supportive enough to put me in this position. I don't take it lightly. It is not always an easy place to be in a role I have as Leader, but I have a tremendous caucus with talented people, passionate people, people that care deeply about this state and for them to give me this role means an awful lot to me and I appreciate that, appreciate their support and to those that nominated me, I appreciate that as well. Congratulations not only to our side, but to those of you on the Democrat side as well. I'm not sure who said it... that someone mentioned, I think it was Representative Bradley, it's a little tingly. This is an awesome day for people and if it's your first time, enjoy today. It is a day and it's a role that can be exciting, it's a day... a role that can be frustrating, a role that can be overwhelming at times, especially the times we're in as a state, but it is vital and critical for you and for all of us to be involved in the process. If we didn't run for elective office, we wouldn't have a democracy, we wouldn't have the government we have and it comes with sacrifice. It comes with sacrifice at the family level, perhaps at the job level, wherever the case may be and for those of you that have... had tough races, it was tough during the campaigns, but it will be just as tough if not tougher once you have taken the oath of office. We saw the ultimate sacrifice in Arizona last week. And I don't know that we'll ever know what drove that young man to do what he did, but I think it is a reminder for all of us as we move

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

into the 97th General Assembly, as we struggle with tough choices and tough issues and challenges we're not used to having, that we keep our discourse both civil and respectful as we go through those challenges. I think it is more important than ever before. I have a wife that is a graduate of the University of Alabama and she is a passionate graduate of the University of Alabama. And if you know anything about college football, Alabama has had historically a very good football team. So we do nothing or at least she does nothing on Saturday afternoons in the fall but watch college football. She's very passionate about her team. And so I may, as a general rule, will not be there on a Saturday afternoon, but I will come home after the game and I will ask Hudson, our son, and Reynolds is often there, how did the game go today? I'll usually know the result, what all happened. First of all, he says, well, Mom yelled 'roll tide' about 50 times and that's an expression in the South at Alabama football games. And then he'll go into the game, describe the game and Alabama last year had a Heisman trophy winner by the name of Mark Ingram, and he'll say, Dad, it was an incredible game. Mark Ingram had three touchdowns and he rolled over this person and he ran over this person when he scored. He said, Dad, Mark Ingram is a beast. And for Hudson, a beast is somebody that takes over and almost overwhelms, in the context of sports, the other team and is so overpowering, so overwhelming that he or she, whoever the person might be in that sports context, can't be handled almost by themselves. And we heard Barbara Currie today talk about

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

the Great Depression and that we are in a tough time as a state, and in the context of a beast, it is overwhelming for us right now. We're a little unique. Other states have not suffered like Illinois has. When you look at our neighboring states, whether it's Indiana or Missouri or Iowa or Wisconsin, their budget situations are not nearly as dire as ours because they have handled things in different ways as they've gotten to this point. Certainly the national economy has not helped, but they were better prepared and didn't have the spending problems. And my point is or my point will be, as we move forward and focus on the future, we need to realize that the solutions that we want to look at for the financial beast we are facing have to be handled in a bipartisan manner. We have to work together because we cannot individually or as one Party tackle and successfully push down the beast. And you're going to find, as we move into the 97th General Assembly, that on our side and I think it will apply to both sides, we have a lot of new people, people with great ideas, people with creative ideas, people with passion that is very real and very sincere, and the bulk of our issue will be how we handle this budget issue as we get through the 97th. And you're going to see Members on our side who will have respectful disagreements with the way that things have been handled, budgetwise. There are people on our side that will not agree with the approach of yesterday. There will be people on our side that will say, we need to, in spite of some of the language in the Bill we saw yesterday, take a look at cutting government. There will be people on our

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

side that will say we don't accept the premise that we can let government grow at the rate of a billion dollars a year and we need to cap spending. There will be people on our side that will say people in the State of Illinois that we've talked to and that we've heard from don't believe we spend our money wisely, that we need to be more accountable, that we need to be more transparent, and that we need a government that is more efficient and effective in the way we handle our money. There will be people on our side that will say it is imperative that we improve the business climate in the State of Illinois; that passing work comp reform is an excellent start, but it has to be done in a meaningful well-rounded way with everybody at the table; that we need to look at medical malpractice reform, we can no longer afford to lose physicians from the State of Illinois because they can't afford their malpractice premiums. There will be Members of our caucus that will say we need to take a look at the regulatory system in the State of Illinois as well as just tort reform in general. We have a number of Members on our side, as the Speaker alluded, that are very talented and very capable in the field of education and they likewise have ideas on how we can make this a better place for our kids to learn from early childhood all the way to higher education. But the key to all of this, the key to all of this, is our pledge... the first part of the key is our pledge to both the administration and to the Majority Party is that we are ready and willing to work with you as long as there is an equal and mutual partnership of working together to face

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

all of these problems as we move forward, otherwise we will have no success. There's no mystery that over the last few years that has not happened. I'm not sure why, but it has. We acknowledge that the election is over. We are ready to roll up our sleeves and work together in that meaningful way. The Speaker alluded to this also; we have a perfect prototype of that. Patti Bellock and Barbara Currie this past week and over the last couple of months worked together with their counterparts in the Senate and tackled a very, very difficult issue involving how we handle Medicaid in the State of Illinois. There are various groups and folks that liked it one way, didn't like it a different... another way and were resistant to change. But when we put people together in a room and listen to both sides and to all sides and we're able to come together with a solution, we were able to adopt it in both Houses and I assume the Governor will sign it. It is something he should sign and it is an example of how we need to move forward. One other example of something that we need to confront that we don't want to confront that is going to be difficult to confront, and one of the reasons that this state is only one of 14 that have tackled pension reform is because we had no choice. We have an \$80 billion unfunded pension liability. We have not made payments as a state, which is a big reason we have that unfunded liability. We have people living longer, nobody's fault. We've enhanced our pension benefits and we have a volatile market. If we are going to have a pension system that is viable in the future, we need to address this issue and confront it. We

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

cannot run from it. I was in Alabama over the holidays and one of the towns in Alabama's pension system went bankrupt and the city said we're not on the hook for that. That is the pension system's problem. While this is a difficult issue and one that people don't want to have, we have got to have it and the Speaker and I did talk earlier this morning about the need to work together on it. So at the end of the day, it's a great state. We are in an as tough a time as we will ever be in. Back in the 1800s the state did go default, went through a default. It is possible. We can't let that happen. So, whether it's on spending or cutting or tax policy or job growth or pension reform, we all need to be together working and we need to be in the room. We may have differences. We are going to have differences, I can assure you that's part of the process. But where we can find common ground and we can work together I pledge that we, on behalf of the Republican Caucus, will do that. And again, thank you all and congratulations to all of you."

Speaker Madigan: "Certain people were acknowledged by Secretary White, but I would like to, again, thank the members of the Supreme Court for being with us today; Justices Burke, Karmeier, and Garman. Thank you very much for joining us today. Our new State Treasurer, Dan Rutherford, long history in the State Senate, he walked away from the Senate and he joined us. So, Dan, thank you very, very much. Congressman John Shimkus from metro-east, John, thank you for being here. And our Auditor, Bill Holland, we just made our budget watchdog. Bill, thank you. Please also

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

recognize the new assessor of Cook County, Joe Berrios, who also happens to be the father of Toni Berrios, Representative Toni Berrios and with Mr. Berrios is Alderman Ray Suarez of the 31st Ward in Chicago. And also, please recognize the alderman of the 39th Ward in Chicago, Alderman Laurino, the aunt of Representative John D'Amico. And would you all please thank our host today. This facility is part of the University of Illinois and we're very honored to have with us the new President of the University of Illinois, Michael Hogan. Michael, thank you for making your facility available. The next Order of Business is the election of the Chief Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, and the Doorkeeper for the 97th General Assembly. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move that we suspend all applicable House Rules so that we can give immediate consideration to consi... to House Resolutions 1, 2, and 3."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Lady's Motion. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Motion is adopted. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the adoption of House Resolution 1, a Resolution for the election of Mark Mahoney as Chief Clerk; Brad Bolin as Assistant Clerk; and Lee Crawford as Doorkeeper. The Resolutions are on the Clerk's desk."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Provisional Clerk, read the Resolution."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "House Resolution 1."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the following Officers are hereby elected for the term of the Ninety-Seventh General Assembly: Mark Mahoney as Chief Clerk of the House; Bradley S. Bolin as Assistant Clerk of the House; Lee A. Crawford as Doorkeeper of the House."

Speaker Madigan: The Lady has moved the adoption of House Resolution 1. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all those opposed by saying 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to House Resolution 1, the Chair declares Mark Mahoney elected as the Chief Clerk of the House for the 97th General Assembly. Brad Bolin is declared elected as the Assistant Clerk of the House for the 97th General Assembly. Lee Crawford is declared elected as the Doorkeeper of the House for the 97th General Assembly. Do these gentlemen accept the offices to which they have been elected? And they're all nodding furiously, yes. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, is recognized to offer another Resolution."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move the adoption of House Resolution 2 which would direct the Clerk to inform the Senate that the House is organized."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady has moved the adoption of House Resolution 2. This is the traditional notification to the other chamber that this Body is prepared to do the people's business. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, is recognized to offer another Resolution."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move the adoption of House Resolution 3 which would appoint a committee to attend the Governor and to inform him that we are organized and await any communication he may have to offer."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady has moved for the adoption of House Resolutions 2 and 3. These are, again, traditional ceremonial procedures. Without objection, we can take both Motions on one vote. All in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the House Resolutions 2 and 3 are adopted. Pursuant to House Resolution 3, I appoint the following committee to wait upon the Governor: Representative Tom Holbrook, Representative Deborah Mell, Representative Ken Dunkin, Representative Fred Crespo, Representative Dennis Reboletti, Representative Sandy Cole, Representative Wayne Rosenthal, Representative Mike Unes. Will the Members and guests please stand for the benediction, which will be offered by Father Michael Caruso, President of St. Ignatius College Preparatory School in Chicago. Father Caruso."

Father Caruso: "Good afternoon everyone and I especially want you to know I'm not here alone. The faculty, students especially, and staff of St. Ignatius are joining us in prayer today, especially for the work that lies ahead of you today. So let us take a moment to be conscious about this moment of prayer and reflection and what it is we are about to do and ask. While we come from many faith traditions, respecting and honoring the good that is in each, let us never lose sight of the fact that we have much

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

more in common than that which may divide. So it is drawing upon the dignity and beauty of many religious traditions that we stand united this day before the Almighty and boldly ask for divine assistance and a blessing upon the men and women who have been entrusted with the future and welfare of the State of Illinois. Almighty God, You said but the word and the heavens and earth were formed, the stars and planets were set in place. We are not always as expeditious, except for this morning, and our results are not always immediate. We need time to think, present, debate, and consider the welfare of all, looking at issues from every imaginable angle. Bless the men and women who serve this great State of Illinois. May all their work be guided by justice and a standard of care for all people. Help them to always keep in mind not only their constituents, but also the most vulnerable of our society from those who panhandle on our streets, single parents, those that must face prejudice and bias and bigotry, those who struggle to find work, those striving to hold together a family, those that seek a quality education for their children, our senior citizens, and those just barely getting by. No matter the district he or she represents, all are called upon to serve those in farming communities along with those who live in our towns and the great cities that knit us together as a great people. We pray that the confidence placed in these leaders at the ballot box will be blessed with gifts of wisdom, courtesy, mutual respect, especially in the heat of disagreement.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

May they always keep in mind the good people they represent who are not abstractions, but their neighbors, families, friends, and people of good will. We pray, too, for their assistants, the staffs, advisors and those people who sometimes work long hours to support our leaders in their work, give these people strength and energy to know that their work helps shape the common good. May God bestow special blessings upon Governor Patrick Quinn, President of the Senate, John J. Cullerton, and Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan, and all of these Representatives on this stage this morning. Their work is immense and complicated. Inspire them with determination and courage to always act in the best interests of the citizens of Illinois. At the end of each day, when each person reflects upon the work accomplished, may all the men and women who serve in Springfield know that they have done their best to create a better, more prosperous, and safer life for the citizens of the state. May they rest that night in the assurance that their work will benefit the young and old now and in the future. With our leaders, we commend that the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces and those who serve us at home in law enforcement and in fire protection as well as their families, we pray these things in Your holy name, asking that the divine assistance remain always with us... with us and especially them. And we pray this as we say together, Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "Please be seated. My plan is to announce the Members of the House Majority Leadership. Representative

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Cross will make his announcement at a later date. The Majority Leader will be Representative Barbara Currie; Deputy Majority Leader Lou Lang; Deputy Majority Leader Frank Mautino; Assistant Majority Leader Ed Acevedo; Assistant Majority Leader Joe Lyons; Assistant Majority Leader Jack McGuire; Assistant Majority Leader Charles Jefferson; Assistant Majority Leader Dan Burke; Assistant Majority Leader Karen Yarbrough; Majority Conference Chair Marlow Colvin. Representative Currie moves the House stand adjourned until Thursday, January 13 at the hour of 9 a.m. Before we go to this Motion, let me thank all of you for being here today. This is a historic, momentous occasion and all of these Members of the House are very grateful that you could find your way to be here with us and to join in this celebration. On the Motion, those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. House stands adjourned until Thursday, tomorrow, January 13 at 9 a.m. Thank you very much."

Clerk Bolin: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Joint Resolutions for Constitutional Amendments. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1, offered by Representative Winters.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH 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

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article V of the Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 1, 3, 7, and 18 and by repealing Section 17 as follows:

ARTICLE V

THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

The Executive Branch shall include a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Treasurer elected by the electors of the State. They shall keep the public records and maintain a residence at the seat of government during their terms of office.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to hold the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Treasurer, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 25 years old, and a resident of this State for the three years preceding his or her election.

SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

If the Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Treasurer fails to qualify or if the office becomes vacant, the Governor shall fill the office by appointment. The appointee shall hold office until the elected officer qualifies or until a successor is elected and qualified as may be provided by law and shall not be subject to removal by the Governor. If the Lieutenant Governor fails to qualify or if the office becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant until the end of the term.

SECTION 17. COMPTROLLER - DUTIES (REPEALED)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

SECTION 18. TREASURER - DUTIES

The Treasurer, in accordance with law, shall (i) maintain the State's central fiscal accounts, and order payments into and out of the funds held by him or her, (ii) be responsible for the safekeeping and investment of monies and securities deposited with him or her, and for their disbursement upon his or her order, and (iii) have the duties and powers that may be prescribed by law.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This Constitutional Amendment applies upon the conclusion of the terms of the Comptroller and the Treasurer elected in 2010. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #2, offered by Representative Lang.

WHEREAS, The Ninety-second Congress of the United States of America... Introduction of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #2, offered by Representative Lang. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #3, offered by Representative Lang.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH 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

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 8.1 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

SECTION 8.1. CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS.

(a) To preserve and protect a victim's right to justice and due process, a crime victim shall have the following rights:

(1) The right to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity and privacy.

(2) The right to timely notification of court proceedings and any related post-judgment proceedings.

(3) The right to notice and to a hearing before a court ruling on an accused's request for access to any of the victim's records, information, or communications which are privileged or confidential by law.

(4) The right to communicate with the prosecution.

(5) The right to be heard in person or in any other reasonable manner convenient to the victim at any plea, sentencing, reduction or change in sentence, or other proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue.

(6) The right to review any written description of the offense prepared for sentencing, reduction in sentence, parole, early release or clemency and the accused's prior criminal history.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

(7)The right to be informed of the conviction, the sentence, any post-judgment decision, any reduction of the sentence, the imprisonment, and the release of the accused.

(8)The right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused, including related post-conviction and post-judgment proceedings.

(9)The right to be reasonably protected from the accused.

(10)The right to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in denying or fixing the amount of bail and release conditions for the accused and in deciding any parole or post-judgment release decision.

(11)The right to be present at the trial and all other court proceedings.

(12)The right to have present at all court proceedings, subject to the rules of evidence, an advocate, a victim-witness specialist, or other support person of the victim's choice.

(13)The right to restitution.

(b)Definition. For the purposes of this Section, the term "crime victim" means a person directly and proximately harmed as a result of the commission of a criminal offense. In the case of a crime victim who is under 18 years of age, incompetent, incapacitated, or deceased, the legal guardians of the crime victim or the representatives of the crime victim's estate, family members, or any other persons appointed as suitable by the court may assume the crime

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

victim's rights under this Section, but in no event shall the accused be named as such guardian or representative.

(c)A victim, a lawful representative of the victim including the victim's lawyer, or the prosecuting attorney upon request of the victim may assert the rights enumerated in subsection (a) in any circuit or appellate court with jurisdiction over the case as a matter of right. The court shall act promptly on such a request.

(d)The General Assembly may provide for an assessment against convicted defendants to pay for crime victims' rights.

(e)Nothing in this Section or in any law enacted under this Section shall be construed as creating a basis for vacating a conviction. This Section does not create any cause of action for compensation or damages against the State, any political subdivision of the State, any officer, employee, or agent of the State or of any of its political subdivisions, or any officer or employee of the court.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #3."

Clerk Mahoney: "Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 1, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 2, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

concerning State Government. House Bill 3, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 6, offered by Representative Cavaletto, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 7, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 8, offered by Representative Ramey, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 9, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 10, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 11, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 12, offered by Representative Cole, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 13, offered by Representative Davis, Monique, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 14, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 15, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 16, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 17, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 18, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 19, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 20,

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

offered by Representative Sommer, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 21, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 22, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 23, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 24, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 25, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 26, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 27, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 28, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 29, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning medical cannabis. House Bill 30, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning alternative treatment for serious diseases causing chronic pain and debilitating conditions. House Bill 31, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 32, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 33, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 34, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 35, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 36, offered by

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 37, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 38, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 39, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 40, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 41, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 42, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 43, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 44, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 45, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. House Bill 46, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. House Bill 47, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 48, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 49, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 50, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 51, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 52, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 53, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

regulation. House Bill 54, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 55, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 56, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 57, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 58, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 59, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 60, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 61, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning nursing homes. House Bill 62, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 63, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 64, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 65, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 66, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 67, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 68, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 69, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 70, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 71, offered by

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 72, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 73, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 74, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 75, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 76, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 77, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 78, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 79, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 80, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 81, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 82, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 83, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 84, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 85, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 86, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 87, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

courts. House Bill 88, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 89, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 90, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning placement of children. House Bill 91, offered by Representative Mayfield, an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 92, offered by Representative Ford, an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 93, offered by Representative Franks, an Act concerning finance. House Bill 94, offered by Representative Ford, an Act concerning census information. House Bill 95, offered by Representative Ford, an Act concerning public health. House Bill 96, offered by Representative May, an Act concerning unemployment insurance. House Bill 97, offered by Representative May, an Act concerning elections. House Bill 98, offered by Representative Sacia, an Act concerning correctional officers. House Bill 99, offered by Representative Lang, an Act concerning identification. House Bill 100, offered by Representative Ford, an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 101, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 102, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 103, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 104, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 105, offered by

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

1st Legislative Day

1/12/2011

Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 106, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 107, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 108, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 109, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 110, offered by Representative Morthland, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 111, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 112, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."