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

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Lord, as we prepare for Session today, I ask for freshness of our spirit to quicken our thinking. That out of confused issues may come simplicity of plan. That out of fear may come confidence. That out of hurry may come deliberation. And that out of frustration may come guidance. Let's us get to work not head first, but heart first. May we be able to disagree without being disagreeable, to defer without being difficult, to be honest without tension, and to be frank without offense in an atmosphere of team spirit. These things we ask in Your Son's name, Amen."

Speaker Currie: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Christine Winger."

Winger - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Currie: "Roll call for Attendance. Representative Greg Harris for absences on the Republican side."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, let the record reflect that Representatives Ammons, Cassidy, Guzzardi, Mayfield, Slaughter, and Yingling are excused today."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Davidsmeyer for a comparable report from your side of the aisle."

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Daidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, let the record reflect that Long, Parkhurst, Phillips, and Barb Wheeler are excused today."

Speaker Currie: "And are we ready then with the roll call? Have all... has everyone recorded him or herself? Looks like it, you have. So, on this... on the roll call there are 105 Members present. We have a quorum. We are ready to start work. First item of business is Rules Report, Clerk. Okay, Clerk, instead will you start with committee assignments."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting this following afternoon. The following committees will be meeting this afternoon. Meeting at 2:00, is Appropriations and Higher Education in Room 114. Meeting also at 2:00 is the Executive Committee in Room 118. Once again, Appropriations and Higher Education is meeting in Room 114 and Executive's meeting Room 118 at 2:00."

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

Andersson: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Andersson: "Thank you, Members of the house, I'd like to introduce, if you will, please stand up is Zakyrah Harris. Zakyrah Harris is my Page for the day, but she is also getting the opportunity to shadow me for the entire week, due to the NIU alumni association program. So she's going to get to see what it's like to be a Rep. and then not be a Rep. for the last part of the week. But I would ask if you'd all please give her a warm welcome. She's a senior at NIU about to embark

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on a program of masters' studies thereafter. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Speaker Currie: "And welcome. Representative Olsen, for what reason do you rise."

Olsen: "Madam Speaker, a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Olsen: "Madam Speaker, I wanted to take the opportunity today to address you, my colleagues, and friends here today and bid you a fond farewell. I mean, I'm going to be here for the next two days, but these are my last days so I wanted to just share a few words, if you'd be so kind."

Speaker Currie: "If they're very few."

Olsen: "Very few, Madam Speaker. I wanted to say I remember walking on here on this floor for the first time and I was awestruck entering this room where it happens. A room that's been the site of so much history. Seeing our priceless portraits of Lincoln, of Douglas, admiring the desks, rostrum, the chandeliers, but the true beauty of the room are all of you, the people inside of it. People from all over our state who are here to try to improve the lives of people they represent. People with diverse views based on their diverse districts and people who truly want to make a difference. And when we work together, we do pretty amazing things. I've truly enjoyed working with each of you the men and women of this chamber and built lifelong friendships here on both sides of the aisle and we've gotten a few good things done. I'm proud to have worked to pass 19 Bills, 15 of them becoming the law of the land that take small important steps toward more efficient, effective, and responsive government. And that

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would've been possible without your help. Too often we're discourage with politics and we've gotten many challenges here in this state. But I've learned that we must not let the perfect become the enemy of the good, we can't change the world overnight, but we can listen to one another, work together, compromise, and take steps to make things better. The small steps won't appear on the 10:00 news, they won't be on the front page of the paper, and they won't be clickbait for social media, but enough of the small change allows us to realize big lasting change for our state. To close, I just want to thank the many people who supported me over these years, I want to thank the Republican and Democratic Caucus staff, LRB, the Clerk's office, and everyone who makes the chamber work. I want to thank my district legislative assistant, Lynn Bila, and my communication staffer, Cheryl Meyer, who've spent countless hours making me look good and making me able to represent and serve my constituents. Thanks to all of you my colleagues in this chamber for guiding me to become an effective advocate. Thank you to my political team over the years Greg Bolts, Ben Noble, David Gildso, Lucas Schmidt, Marcus Towns, and Marcus is here in the gallery with us today, for allowing me this honor. Thanks to my family and friends for always supporting me and finally thank you to the people of the 81 District, for giving me the distinct honor of serving in the esteem chamber. My life motto is, 'carpe diem', seize the day. So was this chapter ends for me a bright new one is just beginning. I leave here today ready to make the best of this one and every one to come and I ask you to

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do the same. So, I bid you my friends a very fond farewell until next time. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Currie: "Agreed resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1348, offered by Representative Hurley. House Resolution 1349, offered by Representative Hurley. House Resolution 1350, offered by Leader Durkin. House Resolution 1351, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 1352, offered by Representative Lilly. House Resolution 1353, offered by Representative Butler. House Resolution 1354, offered by Representative Breen. House Resolution 1356, offered by Representative Hurley. House Resolution 1357, offered by Representative Sente. House Resolution 1358, offered by Representative Bristow. House Resolution 1359, offered by Representative Lilly. House Resolution 1360, offered by Representative Greenwood. And House Resolution 1361, offered by Representative Olsen.

Speaker Currie: "Representative Turner, moves the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolutions are adopted. At this point Democrats will go immediately to caucus in Room 114 and my understanding is that the Republicans will also be caucusing immediately in Room 118. The House will stand adjourned... oh, sorry, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk. Representative Harris, moves that the House stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 8, at 10 a.m. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the House stands adjourned."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee reports. Representative Rita, Chairperson committee on the Executive reports the following committee action take on January 7, 2019: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 Senate Bill 1298, Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 3531. Representative Kelly Burke, Chairperson from the committee on Appropriations-Higher Education reports the following committee action take on January 7, 2019: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 2505. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 1355, offered by Representative Bryant, is referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5999, offered by Representative Guzzardi, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6000, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned.