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Speaker Madigan: "You're doing so well on behalf of Klemm and Topinka. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 109 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Messages from the Senate. For what purpose does Mr. Vinson seek recognition?"

Vinson: "Mr. Speaker, my light switch is not working, and I wonder if you could get that corrected, so that...I know you wouldn't overlook my request to speak, but some of your other Members who sit in the Chair might on occasion."

Speaker Madigan: "Does that means that I wouldn't know you were seeking recognition? Mr. Clerk, let us proceed immediately to repair Mr. Vinson's switch."

Clerk O'Brien: "A message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has adopted the following Senate Joint Resolutions, the adoption of which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the House of Representatives to wit: Senate Joint Resolutions #8, 9, 16, 28, 29, 35, 36, 40 and 52, adopted by the Senate June 6, 1983. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.' Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of the following Joint Resolutions to which (sic - wit): House Joint Resolution #35 and House Joint Resolution #13, together with attached Amendment #1 to House Joint Resolution 35 and House Joint Resolution 13, passed by the Senate as amended June 6, 1983. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.'" "

Speaker Madigan: "Committee Reports."

Clerk O'Brien: "Corrected Committee Report from Representative Mulcahey, Chairman of the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, to which the following Bill was

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referred, action taken June 2, 1983 and reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'Consent Calendar' Senate Bill 331. Representative Huff, Chairman of the Committee on Local School District Reorganization, to which the following Resolution was referred, action taken June 1, 1983, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'be adopted' House Resolution 244."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Brunsvold, would you wish to come up here? Would the Membership please give their attention to Representative Brunsvold who has an important announcement? So if the Membership could please be in their chairs. Mr. Greiman, if you could return to your seat. Mr. Ewing, if you could be in your chair. Mr. Birkinbine, if you could be seated. Mr. Matijevich, if you could sit down. Mr. Yourell, would you sit down? Mr. Laurino, would you sit down? Mr. Capparelli, would you return to your seat? Would the Members please be in their chairs? And now Mr. Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House of Representatives. In front of the podium are four individuals from my district, from Rock Island, who have motored down from that City by wheelchair, 150 miles, on Illinois roads, which is dangerous enough, let alone the physical problems that develop after traveling that far in wheelchairs. They thanked me today for helping them get down here. What I have done is very little compared to what they have accomplished over the last week, and they would like to say a few words to you today about the handicapped. On my right over here is Jules Hernych. Jules, want to raise your hand please? Right there, Jules. Jules has a Ph.D. Bob Frazelle. Bob, raise your hand please. John Dorman. John. And Helen Fout. And if...who would like to lead off? Jules? We'd, I think, turn on Mr.

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Kirkland's microphone."

Dorman: "People of the Legislature, I am John Dorman, President of the Quad City Federation of Handicapped Individuals. The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation is an organization run and operated for handicaps and dictates programs for handicaps which are run by nonhandicapped people. The Federal Government funds each state Division of Vocational Rehabilitation with matching funds. These states, include Illinois, throws the money away on culturally disabled persons, even pregnant women, forgetting about the physically handicapped who are in desperate need of special equipment and assistance. Electric wheelchairs cost about \$4,000. For a handicapped person living on SSI or social security and whose total income doesn't meet the price of a wheelchair, it is impossible for them to afford a piece of mobility that is essential to everyday life. We, the handicapped, one out of every 11 persons, are tired of being hidden away. We are sick and tired of the same old story. They are getting harder and harder to listen to. You can't have a wheelchair unless you get a job. But how can you get a job if you don't have a wheelchair? And take the person who is being funded by the state for attendant and doesn't get paid enough to pay the attendants for the hours they worked. When the attendant asks for more hours to do the job, the answer was, 'Put the person in a nursing home.', at three times the price of home care to the state. When equipment is needed for mobility, you are sent to a M.D. who has never been in a wheelchair. He doesn't understand what a hurdle, a curb, a step can be. So is he really able to prescribe the right equipment for each...for each one when each individual has a different need? This is like a hummingbird prescribing a diet for an elephant. We, the

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handicapped, want to be represented in our own needs. We want to be there when the rules are made. We want to be contacted when people need equipment. We are tired of not being representative...represented in an organization that is supposed to meet our needs. We ask to be heard and to be seen. Thank you."

Frazelle: "People of the Legislature, my name is Bob Frazelle. I am a member of the Quad City Federation of Handicapped Individuals. Our children who are handicapped are supposed to be mainstreamed into classrooms with nonhandicapped children and given an equal education. They are not being put with normal children. They are placed in special education classes which emphasize noncompetition. The children that are educated in these classes, when placed in colleges and universities, fail, because they don't learn how to compete. By not mainstreaming these children, they don't learn to socialize with, quote, 'normal', unquote, people. But when more...but even more detrimental to society is the nonhandicapped who don't learn to interact with handicapped, and they feel that handicapped people are different, something to be feared and ostracized. In the late 40's and early 50's, polio victims were mainstreamed into regular classrooms out of necessity. These people are active and productive citizens today. For a handicapped person to get funded by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, they have to have some kind of guarantee of a job after they finish school. An education is supposed to be guaranteed to an individual whether the education produces a job, social skills and understanding of one's own environment, or to be able to interact with other people. It's not...excuse me...to interact with other people is not considered for the handicapped. The only consideration for the handicapped is a job. The Division

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of Vocational Rehabilitation has, for so many years, been a group of people telling handicaps what they cannot do. Counselors answer to handicapped applicants is that they are daydreaming and fantasizing about jobs they can't do. It has been proven by psychologists that daydreaming and fantasizing has a direct correlation with job seeking. People try jobs and even design special equipment for them to do the jobs within their...heads before it's ever put on the drawing boards. Daydreaming and fantasizing should be encouraged in the handicapped and not be something that is...and not be something that they are ridiculed about. The point of handicapped education and special parking spaces were made to accommodate wheelchair transfer of capable drivers. Now everybody has special handicapped license: heart patients, obese, arthritic people, which is robbing the people with wheelchairs of their mobility. And these...if these spaces are meant for other people, why not put a heart, or an overweight person or an older...old person on these license plates rather than just a wheelchair? Thank you."

Fout: "People of the Legislature, I am Helen Fout, a member of the Quad City Federation of the Handicapped. When a person becomes a wheelchair user and is covered by commercial insurance, the insurance will pay towards the equipment needed for home use such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and so forth. But sometimes that individual has to leave the home, if for no other reason than going to the doctor. In some areas, there are transportation providers to take a wheelchair-bound person to the doctor, dentist or a hospital. These services are good, but it does not provide transportation for any employment or socialization. A wheelchair user then needs transportation of their own. The insurance will not pay towards any equipment needed

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unless it is workmen's compensation claim. Employment and socialization are a very important part of everyone's life, including a wheelchair user. The senior citizen who is a wheelchair user faces the problems of the handicapped, but also the problems of aging. There is also no help through Medicare or their insurance company to help pay for transporting equipment."

Hernych: "Yes, my name is Dr. Jules Hernych. Good evening. Good afternoon. I am Chairman of the Board of Quad City Federation of Handicapped. Hire the handicapped. How can any organization like Division of Vocational Rehabilitation use the slogan 'Hire the handicapped', when they don't have any physically handicapped people working for them? We want at least one out of every ten people in this office to be physically handicapped. We want the immediate dismissal of Tom Erickson, who has run the Rock Island office into the ground for the last two years. He has returned money to the state by robbing handicapped people of equipment they desperately needed. The handicapped of Rock Island County feel that Tom Erickson's ability to talk out of both sides of this mouth is his greatest...is our greatest disability. Christine Lee Briggs has agreed to send Bob Prazelle to college, but her logic makes no sense, since she won't fund him a wheelchair and special seat and still won't...won't be able to attend college classes without the wheelchair and a special seat. He spends from seven to eight months a year laying on his stomach trying to cure decubitus ulcers. Christine Briggs should be given a second chance at grammar school, so maybe she will learn something about logic. Thank you, 'Carol Lindley' for funding John Dorman's electric wheelchair. After two years of fighting for an electric wheelchair, John was funded for a chair and was told not to use the chair for anything

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except work. John is a polio victim and has to crawl up a flight of stairs to get to his bathroom. He fought the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for two years to get a stairlift. John works at the Arsenal, raised three children on a job that pays less than 12,000 a year. He couldn't afford this lift, but after two years and taking legal representatives with him, he got the lift. We want to tip our hat to Robert Johnson. He has saved the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation many dollars. Jules Hernych needs an attendant and wasn't given enough hours to have the attendant do the daily necessities and care. When the attendant asked for more hours, they were told to leave when the time was up, regardless of the condition of Jules at the time. Robert Johnson told Mr. Hernych if he couldn't make it on the time that was given, he should think seriously of a nursing home. To Robert Johnson, we want to give the 'Buchenwald' Humanitarian Award. These experience may seem farfetched and laughable to you, but they are not to us. They are the experiences of the three men you see before you. We will all be very happy if these people all could join the unemployment roles, because they would make our credentials look very impressive. At the rate the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is returning funds, in 15 years there will cease to be...they will cease to exist. We, the handicapped, are not asking any...for any more than a better quality of life, and I would ask you all to please seriously vote for the Bill, 284, the Madigan - Bowman Bill, because this Bill would help all of us. Thank you again."

Brunsvold: "I would like to thank all House Members for their kind attention and thank Jules and Helen, Bob and John for coming down here and expressing their views. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Madigan: "The Chair recognizes Representative Friedrich."

Friedrich: "Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we could have a 30 minute recess for the purpose of Republican Conference."

Speaker Madigan: "The Republicans shall go to conference. Mr. Clerk, in what room? 118? And we shall return to the floor at five minutes to one. So if Republicans would please go to room 118 immediately."

Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chair. The Chair recognizes Mr. Klemm, who has requested to be shown on the Attendance Roll Call and on the quorum call. Mr. Klemm has been excused at the time of the taking of the Attendance Roll Call. He is now in the chamber. Is there leave for his Motion? Leave is granted. For what purpose does Representative Oblinger seek recognition?"

Oblinger: "Mr. Speaker, I've been asked through Kirk DeWeese, Mr. Christensen has been absent for three weeks, and so he was unable to post a Bill in the Special Committee on Aging. And I'd like to have the proper...appropriate rule suspended so we can hear one Bill, Senate Bill 230, on Friday at 10:00 a. m."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative, have you spoken with the Vice-Chairman of that Committee?"

Oblinger: "I understood they had. I understood...the final word was...it's alright. Yes, it has been cleared."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady requests leave to suspend the posting requirements to permit the hearing of Senate Bill 230 in the Committee on Aging this week. Is there leave? Leave is granted. The Chair recognizes Representative Satterthwaite."

Satterthwaite: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I request the waiving of the appropriate rules to hear Senate Bill 261 and House Resolution 241 in the Higher Education



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Committee tomorrow."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative, have you spoken with the Minority Spokesman?"

Satterthwaite: "I have spoken with the Minority Spokesman, and he is in agreement."

Speaker Madigan: "Lady requests leave to suspend the posting requirements to permit the hearing of certain Bills in the Committee on Higher Education this week. Is there leave? Leave is granted, and the leave on this Motion and on the Motion of Representative Oblinger shall be journalized through the use of the Attendance Roll Call. The Chair recognizes Representative Virginia Frederick."

Frederick: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask leave of the House to place Senate Bill 909 in Interim Study, please."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady requests leave to place Senate Bill 909 on the Order of Interim Study. Representative, are you the principle House Sponsor of that Bill? Is there leave? For what purpose does Representative Cullerton seek recognition?"

Cullerton: "Will the Lady yield to a question?"

Speaker Madigan: "Lady indicates that she will yield."

Cullerton: "Where is the Bill right now?"

Frederick: "It's been assigned to Counties and Townships."

Cullerton: "Is it a Senate Bill or a House Bill?"

Frederick: "Senate Bill."

Cullerton: "Fine. And you've talked to the Senate Sponsor, I assume?"

Frederick: "Yes."

Cullerton: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Lady requests leave to place Senate Bill 909 on the Order of the Interim Study Calendar of the Committee on County and Townships. Is there leave? Leave is granted and that leave shall be journalized through the use of the

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Attendance Roll Call. Representative Slape."

Slape: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'd like leave of the House to place Senate Bill 1074 on the Interim Study Calendar of the Executive Committee."

Speaker Madigan: "Gentleman requests leave to place Senate Bill 1074 on the Order of the Interim Study Calendar of the Executive Committee. Mr. Slape, are you the principle House Sponsor of that Bill?"

Slape: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Madigan: "Is there leave? Leave is granted. Leave shall be granted through the use of the Attendance Roll Call. Is Mr. Vinson on the floor? On page 13 of the Calendar on the Order of Nonconcurrency, there appears Senate Bill 328. Mr. Leverenz."

Leverenz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would move that we...the House nonconcur in Senate Bill 328 and that a Conference Committee would be established."

Speaker Madigan: "Gentleman moves that the House nonconcur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2. I'm told that the Gentleman has moved to refuse to recede..."

Leverenz: "Refuse to recede."

Speaker Madigan: "...so, Mr. Leverenz has moved to refuse to recede on Senate Amendments #1 and 2. I'm told further that this is an Agreed Motion. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', all those opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion carries. Mr. Clerk, would you deliver that message to the Senate immediately?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Madigan: "On page 2 of the Calendar, if I could have your attention, please. If I could have your attention, I propose to go down the Calendar on page 2 and 3 and call all those Bills which could be called today. I would like

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to remind the Members that we will follow the same procedure in the consideration of Senate Bills that we did during the consideration of House Bills. When we reach our deadline for consideration, we will abide by the deadline. And if a Bill has not been called, then it simply will not be called. Therefore, I advise you that if you have a Bill on this Order of Call that can be moved from Second to Third or called on the Order of Third Reading, please do it as quickly as possible. Page 2 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills Third Reading, Senate Bill 749, Mr. Wolf. Do you wish to call your Bill? Gentleman indicates that he does not wish to call his Bill. On the Order of Senate Bills Second Reading Short Debate Calendar, Senate Bill 235, Mr. Stuffle. Do you wish to call your Bill? Is Mr. Stuffle in the chamber? Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call his Bill. Senate Bill 335, Representative Pullen. Do you wish to call your Bill? The Lady indicates that she wishes to call her Bill. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 335, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the School Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 358, Mr. Richmond. Do you wish to call your Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 358, a Bill for an Act in relation to commercial dealerships. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 409, Mr. Yourell. Is Mr. Yourell in the chamber? Senate Bill 457, Mr. Nash.

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Do you wish to call your Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 457, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 881, Representative Stuffle. Is Mr...Mr. Stuffle. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 881, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Uniform Commercial Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 882, Mr. Stuffle. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 882, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Code of Civil Procedure. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 912, Mr. Ropp. Is Mr. Ropp in the chamber? Senate Bill 1052, Mr. Kleann. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1052, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of an Act concerning public utilities. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Ropp, do you wish to call your Bill? Mr. Clerk, would you read Senate Bill 912?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 912, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Public Grain Warehouse and Warehouse Receipts Act. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee

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Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. On the Order of Senate Bills Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 10, Mr. Ewing. Do you wish to call your Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill #10, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 123, Mr. Matijevich. Do you wish to call your Bill? Mr. Matijevich. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 123, a Bill for an Act in relation to cancer treatments. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 325, Mr. Rea. Do you wish to call your Bill? Mr. Hannig, you are a principle Cosponsor of Senate Bill 325 which amends the Public Utilities Act. Do you know if you and Mr...Mr. Rea is now indicating from the rear of the chamber that he does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 350, Mr. McMaster. Is Mr. McMaster in the chamber? House Bill 412, Mr. Nash. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 412, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 459, Mr. Nash.

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Gentleman would like to hold that Bill. House Bill 463,  
Mr. Brookins. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 463, a Bill for an Act to amend  
Sections of the School Code. Second Reading of the Bill.  
No Committee Amendments.

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, are there any Committee Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 504, Mr. Brummer.  
Is Mr. Brummer in the chamber? Do you wish to call House  
Bill...excuse me, Senate Bill 504? It's an Amendment to  
the Public Utilities Act. Gentleman indicates he does not  
wish to call his Bill. Senate Bill 516, Mr. Stuffle. Mr.  
Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 516, a Bill for an Act to amend  
Sections of the School Code. Second Reading of the Bill.  
No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Let us return to Senate Bill  
350, Mr. McMaster. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 350, a Bill for an Act to create the  
Conservation Tillage Risk Share Program. Second Reading of  
the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 518, Mr. Terzich.  
Do you wish to call your Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 518, a Bill for an Act to amend  
Sections of the State Employees Group Insurance Act.  
Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

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Clerk O'Brien: "No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 559, Representative Oblinger. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 559, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the School Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 588, Representative Alexander. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 588, a Bill for an Act to amend the Title and Sections of the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 599, Mr. Terzich. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 599...Senate Bill 599, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of an Act in relation to fire protection districts. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 713, Representative Satterthwaite. The Clerk informs the Chair that a Fiscal Note has been requested relative to this Bill and that the Fiscal Note has not yet been filed. Therefore, the Bill shall remain on the Order of Second Reading. Senate Bill 745, Mr. Stuffle. Is Mr. Stuffle in the chamber? Senate Bill 838, Mr. Steczo. This Bill shall be taken out of the record at the request of Mr. Cullerton. Would you explain to Mr. Steczo why it's being taken out of the record?"

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Senate Bill 942, Representative Currie. Do you wish to call your Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 9...942, a Bill for an Act to create the Illinois Corporation for Science and Technology. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk informs the Chair that a Fiscal Note has been requested and that the Fiscal Note has not yet been filed. Therefore, the Bill shall remain on the Order of Second Reading. Senate Bill 974, Representative Nelson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 974, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the School Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #1, Nelson, amends Senate Bill 974 on page 4."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Nelson."

Nelson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 gives the Bill an immediate effective date, and I would move for its adoption."

Speaker Madigan: "Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'aye', those opposed will say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1045, Representative Steczo. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1045, a Bill for an Act in relation to urea-formaldehyde foam. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."



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Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1059, Representative Barnes. Do you wish to call your Bill? Senate Bill 1059, an Amendment to the Illinois Public Aid Code. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1059, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1061, Representative Barnes. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1061, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1097, Mr. Klemm. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1097, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the School Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1226, Representative Currie. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1226, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #1, Currie."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Amendment 1 is a clarifying Amendment ensuring that a

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decision that a person eligible for benefits under this legislation would have that determination made by a competent medical authority."

Speaker Madigan: "Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'aye', those opposed will say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1228, Representative Ronan. Mr. Ronan, do you wish to call your Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1228, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. We shall now return to Bills that were not called. On page 2 of the Calendar on the Order of Senate Bills Second Reading Short Debate Calendar, there appears Senate Bill 409, Mr. Yourell. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 409, a Bill for an Act relating to library systems amending an Act herein named. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "None."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. On page 3 of the Calendar on the Order of Senate Bills Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 745, Mr. Stuffle. Is Mr. Stuffle in the chamber? Mr. Stuffle. Clerk informs the Chair that an Amendment has been filed, but not yet distributed; therefore, the Bill could not be considered on the Order of Second Reading, and it shall remain on the Order of Second Reading. The Chair has now called every Bill on the Order

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of Senate Bills Second Reading, both regular Calendar and Short Debate Calendar. Mr. Clerk. For what purpose does Representative Karpziel seek recognition?"

Karpziel: "Mr. Speaker, is this the appropriate time to ask for leave to waive posting rules?"

Speaker Madigan: "I'm sorry, Representative, I didn't hear you. If the Membership would please give their attention to Representative Karpziel."

Karpziel: "Mr. Speaker, is this the appropriate time to ask leave to waive the posting rules for a Bill? I'd like to ask leave to waive the posting rules to hear House Bill...I mean Senate Bill 953 in the Executive Committee tomorrow. It's been cleared with the Chairman of the Committee, and I don't believe there is any objection."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady requests leave to suspend the posting requirements to permit the consideration of Senate Bill 953 in the Executive Committee. Mr. Terzich, have you agreed to the Lady's request? Mr. Terzich agrees. Is there leave? Leave is granted. That leave shall be journalized through use of the Attendance Roll Call. For what purpose does Representative Nelson seek recognition?"

Nelson: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to request that we suspend the appropriate rule in order to hear Senate Bill 902 in the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee. I have checked with the Chairman on this."

Speaker Madigan: "Lady requests leave to suspend the posting requirements to permit the consideration of Senate Bill 902 in the..."

Nelson: "Elementary and Secondary Education Committee."

Speaker Madigan: "...Elementary and Secondary Education Committee this week. Mr. Clerk, the Motion concerns Senate Bill 902. Tell me which Committee is that Resolution...that Bill assigned to. Okay, fine. So the Clerk informs the Chair

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that the Bill is assigned to the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education. The Lady has requested leave to suspend the posting requirements and on that question, Representative Ronan seeks recognition."

Ronan: "I object."

Speaker Madigan: "There has been an objection raised to your request for leave. Do you wish to move?"

Nelson: "I would like to move that we vote on that question."

Speaker Madigan: "Alright, so the Lady moves to suspend the posting requirements...this Motion will require 71 votes. Alright, so the...on that question, the Chair recognizes Representative...no one is seeking recognition. The question is the Motion of Representative Nelson to suspend the posting requirements to permit the hearing of Senate Bill 902 in the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education this week. On that question, all in favor signify by voting 'aye', all those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 54 'ayes', 49 'nos', and the Lady's Motion fails. On the Order of the Speaker's Table, there appears House Resolution 47, Mr. Hallock."

Hallock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 47 asks that the Federal Government forgive the debt that we owe in unemployment compensation. As you recall, trying to address the issue of the debt a couple of months ago, we passed a Bill on unemployment compensation which, in fact, would increase the employer tax, require employees to take cuts in their benefits and overall, it's unsatisfactory. I believe this Bill suggests the best resolution of the problem, and I'd urge your support for this Resolution."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hallock has moved for the adoption of House

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Resolution 47. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Resolution 47 be adopted?'. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', all those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 111 'ayes', no one voting 'no'. House Resolution 47 is adopted. House Resolution 77 is taken out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. House Resolution 81, Mr. DeJaegher."

DeJaegher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Federal Communications Commission is considering opening up public service frequencies to include police, fire and ambulance to the highest bidders. If this is allowed, it would reduce the actual number of public service frequencies in Illinois and all across the country, causing unnecessary jams because of overcrowding of frequencies. This would have a serious impact on all 911 systems. I urge for your support."

Speaker Madigan: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 81. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Resolution 81 be adopted?'. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', all those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 111 'ayes', no one voting 'no'. House Resolution 81 is adopted. House Resolution 90, Mr. Rea. Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Resolution. House Resolution 155, Mr. Keane. Do you wish to call your Resolution? Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 155."

Keane: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 155 resolves that the House support Congressional efforts to ban plastic bullets, requests the U. S. State Department to urge British...the British to cease using the plastic and rubber bullets in Northern Ireland. The Resolution recites deaths

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and injuries attributable to the use of the bullets and actions by international and European entities condemning the use of such bullets. I'd ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 155. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Resolution 155 be adopted?'. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', all those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 102 'ayes', 2 people voting 'no'. This Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 157. Representative Koehler."

Koehler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 157 directs the Auditor General to investigate and make recommendations concerning travel regulations and practices of... for state employees and state agencies. It is important to point out that this... the State Legislature by Resolution must authorize the Auditor General to conduct a management audit to determine a comprehensive policy for state travel policies. There are nine travel boards and over a hundred Commissions that have their own separate travel rules and regulations. This has led to... to an area where no one has complete oversight or authority as to the appropriateness of state travel. Furthermore, there is no actual audit to determine the appropriateness of the travel, nor whether or not the travel was indeed made and was followed through. The Resolution came through the Senate Execut... the House Executive Committee with only one dissenting vote. I would ask for your support."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 157. On that question, the Chair recognizes

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Representative Keane."

Keane: "Question to the Sponsor. Have you... do you have any idea what this is going to cost?"

Koehler: "Pardon. You asked the cost?"

Keane: "Yes."

Koehler: "I... the..."

Keane: "How much will it cost the Auditor General?"

Koehler: "The Auditor General has said that he could do this within the constraints of his current budget. It would not cost him any extra money."

Keane: "And he will not have to verify... would you just... I couldn't hear. Are you going to have him verify every travel voucher?"

Koehler: "No. What this authorizes him to do is conduct a management audit to determine a comprehensive policy. Currently there are many policies, many of which do not agree. A year ago the JCAR, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, made a study and made sixteen recommendations, two of which were to ask the various travel control boards and the agencies to get together on their travel policies. Well, these people all got together and said that was a wonderful idea, but they... after that they really did not do anything."

Keane: "Well, you're not asking him to go into whether the travel... you're just going to verify that the travel took place and the travel was paid for?"

Koehler: "Yes, and he is going to recommend a... a policy, a comprehensive policy that would consolidate some of the various conflicts that we now have."

Keane: "But he will not go into whether or not the travel was in his opinion appropriate. In other words, he will..."

Koehler: "No."

Keane: "If someone goes from here to San Francisco that all he

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will do is see that they actually went, that there was a Bill, an airplane ticket, a railroad ticket, or whatever, and that they went by the right... they went by the right class of carrier, and they didn't spend... go first class or anything like that. Correct?"

Koehler: "Correct, Representative. The only thing that he might do is recommend guidelines for determining appropriateness. He will not do this himself. I mean..."

Keane: "Thank you. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Is there any further discussion? Mr. Terzich. Mr. Terzich."

Terzich: "Yes, Representative, is the Auditor General in favor of this Resolution?"

Speaker Madigan: "Do you seek permission to put a question to the Sponsor?"

Terzich: "Oh, if I may."

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Terzich: "Thank you."

Koehler: "Thank you, Representative. Auditor General Cronson is an appointment that is made by... is a nonpartisan appointment. He is... serves at the pleasure of the General Assembly. The Auditor General answered questions at the Executive Committee hearing. He did not believe that it was appropriate for him to take either a plus or minus stance on this, but he was favorable toward answering questions and said that he could do it within the current constraints of his budget."

Terzich: "Well, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I personally feel that the Auditor General is overburdened with work already, and I would like to correct Representative Koehler. The vote was 8 to 2, of which I happen to be one that voted 'no' and Representative Krska also. But, I think that the agencies at the present time



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are controlling their cost. They should be able to determine whether or not that the travel allowances, or monies, or amounts were correct or incorrect, and I would urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Ronan."

Ronan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a few questions?"

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Koehler: "Certainly."

Ronan: "Yeah, Representative Koehler, how many agencies at the present time review travel in the State of Illinois?"

Koehler: "Pardon. You asked how many agencies what?"

Ronan: "How... how many different agencies right now at the present time in the State of Illinois review travel on the part of state employees?"

Koehler: "There are nine agencies that have travel con... control boards. Each of the executive offices have nine travel control boards. Now, you asked for review. There are no agencies that review for appropriateness of travel at this time. There are four different agencies who review it for technical consideration, such as clerical errors and to determine whether or not the numbers add up correctly. And every once in a while there might be a voucher that is subjected to a post audit review by the Comptroller's Office."

Ronan: "Well, it seems to me, Representative Koehler, that there are enough safeguards that exist within the various nine agencies that... that you very briefly described and the Comptroller's Office. The Treasurer's Office can look at it. It seems to me that you're setting up a potential for witch hunts where certain Members could abuse the rights of other Members, and I think that what your setting up is a precedent that really doesn't make enough sense to warrant

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any support from anyone on this side of the aisle. I think it's a bad concept, and I think it leads for potential abuse. I urge everyone to vote 'no'."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Leverenz."

Leverenz: "Would the Representative yield?"

Koehler: "Yes."

Leverenz: "What do you think you will accomplish by doing this?"

Koehler: "Repre... Representative, I would be very hopeful that we could accomplish a comprehensive policy with regard to state employee travel. I realize that you are very concerned about the appropriations process that... that also goes in tandem with this particular Resolution. Now we do address the cost of state travel through the appropriations process, but the appropriations process does not address major policy issues. The Legislature must give g... must give guidelines to the Auditor General to address the policy issues with regard to state travel. For example, there are nine different travel control boards within State Government. Each one of them sets a different policy for their employees. This has led to perhaps unevenness as far as reimbursement for travel on the part of state employees. For example, if you travel for the Secretary of State's Office and stay overnight in Chicago, you are reimbursed at one rate which would be, let me see, which would be at thirty dollars a night, but if you travel for the Board of Higher Education, well, then you are reimbursed forty-five dollars a night. This leads to a discrepancy of fifteen dollars per night, and this has led to a myriad of different travel policies. And further complicating this, we have over a hundred different Commission, each setting their own policy. In fact, when I was in Committee talking about this, I held up this folder that had this many different travel policies by the various

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boards and Commissions in State Government, so it is very difficult to try to wor... work on a comprehensive policy when you have nine different travel control boards and a hundred different Commissions setting travel policy. And this has led to, perhaps not intended abuse, but it sometimes leads to the confusion of the issue."

Leverenz: "Well, then are you familiar with and do you possess a copy of this same report that was produced by the Legislative Council, this exact study that lays out all of the travel control boards of which there are eleven travel control boards, not nine as you state, and that it outlines all of the different various ways that the travel control boards operate. And the only way to change that is to introduce legislation that makes one travel control board. And you can lay out in that any policy you so desire. Do you have that report by the Council?"

Koehler: "I have this report that is by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, and I have some of the excerpts from the Council report. And you are correct in saying that perhaps this might take legislation, but what I am asking the Auditor General to do is to come up with recommendations, that perhaps if we find that are necessary, we could put it into legislation. I am not trying to infringe at all upon the appropriations process or upon the auditing process. I am trying to make them to work together in order to come up with a comprehensive program so that state employees will be treated fairly and equitably and so will the taxpayers. The taxpayers have every right to expect that state travel, which last year amounted to thirty-three millions dollars, that this be used in a judicious and only essential manner."

Leverenz: "Okay. To the Resolution, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Proceed."

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Leverenz: "The Resolution, I believe, is frivolous. The facts are really already produced. The report by the Legislative Au... Council shows exactly what the travel control boards do. The legislative Commissions that operate within State Government, in most cases, simply adopt the travel control regulations for the General Assembly. We would put the Auditor General on a nine month or six month mission for which no-good end result would come about, and I would ask you would vote 'no'."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Friedrich."

Friedrich: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I know that the Sponsor of this Resolution is well intentioned, and I know... I know that we all have some concern about the various rates of travel that are paid around here, but we already have considerable information on that, and I think if we really want to standardize it we ought to put in a Bill to do just exactly that. But the other thing that concerns me a little bit, we work rather closely with the Auditor General and do use his staff over and over on small audits to keep from using contractual audits, and I can assure you this will tie up a lot of their time which may not require any extra money, but it will keep them from doing other things which I think are equally important. This is an area we need to address, but I think the Council has come up with enough information that could be the basis of legislation right now."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Matijeovich."

Matijeovich: "Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, only to confirm what the last two Gentlemen have said. They have been very close as Members of the Audit Commission that... and have told this Body that they have worked closely with him on matters of travel regulations. That's why we have a Audit Commission, and I think if anything's going to come

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out it should come out of that Commission, so I would urge the Members to follow the lead of those Members who work very close with the Auditor General, and in that regard, I don't think that we can go wrong."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Flinn."

Flinn: "Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question."

Speaker Madigan: "I don't believe that will be necessary, Representative, so if you could withdraw your Motion. The Gentleman withdraws his Motion. Representative Koehler to close."

Koehler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. First of all I would like to... I would like to suggest to you that the Auditor General is not opposed to this particular Resolution. In fact, he wrote up the amended language that I used for the... for the Resolution itself. Furthermore, in various discussions with the Auditor General, he never once said that he was opposed to this. In fact, I would say that he was somewhat favorable toward it, in the fact that he said that he could do it within his current budget, and he certainly had the time and the facilities to do this. In fact, he sat right with me in the Committee, in the Executive Committee, when it was heard and gave me a great deal of information that was necessary in order to get it out of Committee. I... I believe that it is very important that we conduct a management audit. Now it is not sound management policy to have nine different travel control boards each setting different policies for state employee travel. Furthermore, to compound... to compound this problem are over a hundred agencies that set their own travel policies, and contrary to what one of the Representatives said before, they do not simply follow the Governor's Travel Control Board Regulations or the Legislative's Travel Control Board

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Regulations. They set their own policies. I have the letters here to prove it. And every time the Comptroller's Office processes one of the vouchers for travel for one of these Commissions they have to go back and look at the individual policy of the individual Committee or Commission. I submit that it is not sound management policy to do this, and it is important that we direct the Auditor General to do a management audit of the travel policies of the state. If it were such good policy already, we would not have seen the recent revelations of about thirty-three millions dollars being spent on state employee travel and such out-of-state travel to such places as Atlantic City; Reno, Nevada; Las Vegas, various gambling capitols of the nation, and then others going to Louisville, Kentucky to the Grand Old Opery. Others spending thousands of dollars at the Chateau Louise and Dundee or perhaps at a convention in Canada. If our travel policies were adequate, we would not see these things happening and we would not see headlines in the paper such as we have seen recently. And when we have, on the one hand, some in State Government purposing a two billion dollar tax increase and our citizens back home see state... the state employees traveling to the tune of thirty-three million dollars and us refusing to clean up our act, it is important that we be the first to set the example of... of good control over our own excesses. And I think that it is important that we pass this Resolution today to send a signal to the taxpayers of the State of Illinois that we are willing to be efficient. We are willing to set a good example, instead of the same old politics as usual. Now when these travel... travel policies were set up, the intention was that state... state travel should be done only for necessary ex... for necessary events. That is the

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intention of the legislation. That intention has been violated, and it is important that we move to correct that immediately. And I would move for the adoption of House Resolution 157."

Speaker Madigan: "For what purpose does Mr. Vinson seek recognition?"

Vinson: "To explain my vote when that time comes."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall House Resolution 157 be adopted?'. All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye', all those opposed by voting 'no'. This Resolution will require 60 votes to be adopted. Mr. Vinson to explain his vote."

Vinson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would strongly urge adoption of the Lady's Resolution. She's worked on it long and hard. Everybody knows we have a substantial problem with this in the state, and at a time when we're talking about a major tax increase we have to be alert to the problem of controlling travel expenditures. This is a good basis for doing it, and I would urge an 'aye' vote on this Resolution."

Speaker Madigan: "Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 88 'ayes', 9 people voting 'no'. House Resolution 157 is adopted. The Chair plans to adjourn. Is there any business to come before the House? For what purpose does Mr. Capparelli seek recognition?"

Capparelli: "Mr. Speaker, just to mention. On your desk, you'll see softball practice. All who want to try out for the team, it will be tomorrow night. It says...it says Tuesday, but it will be Wednesday, June 8, at 5:00, Springfield High School. Be out there for practice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Is there any further business to come before

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the House? Chair recognizes Mr. Matijevich for the adjournment Motion."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker, I move that the House stand adjourned until 12:00 noon tomorrow."

Speaker Madigan: "The Motion is that we stand adjourned until twelve noon tomorrow. Those in favor say 'aye', those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House stands adjourned until twelve noon tomorrow."



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