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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Bishop James Sherwood of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Crystal Lake. Bishop Sherwood is the guest of Representative Franks. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Bishop Sherwood: "Our Heavenly Father, we Thy children, who chose to come into mortality to face the trials and challenges of life that we might learn to walk by faith, express our gratitude unto Thee. For the country in which we live, a land of freedom, for the gift of agency and the responsibility that it teaches us, and especially for the Gospel and the infinite atonement of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Today, we stand as a Body who has been chosen to govern the people. We ask for Thy spirit to rest with those who have this sacred trust. To grant unto us the spirit of discernment that we may be given insight as to the needs of the people of Illinois. To help us have the courage to act on what we know to be right. To bless us with success in safeguarding the freedom of this land. And to assist us in the execution of our stewardship, this day. We pray for the poor, the sick and the afflicted. We ask for Thy hand to be made manifest in the eyes of Thy people, to heal and to make whole, to lift up those in need and to touch the hearts of Thy people and soften them, that we all might become greater tools in Thy hand to serve our brothers and sisters. Father, we ask for a special blessing on the people assembled here today. May we be stirred in remembrance of what is truly important, the family and our freedom. They are both in danger today. May we always have them in mind as legislation is considered so that this

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esteemed Body will always act in a manner that would be in accordance with Thy will to preserve these precious principles. Help us to stem the tide of those things that are tearing at the roots of our society. Grant us the courage to stand for integrity and decency in all things and at all times. And help us turn our hearts from wickedness and from that which undermines the family. With Thy help, Heavenly Father, this Body of good men and women can carry with them the power to affect a mighty change in our state, in our society and our people. They can be the difference between a world that continues to drift and a world that is safe and secure. Please sanctify their righteous actions with Thy power that these great changes may, indeed, come to pass. We seek Thy spirit this day and humbly ask for these great blessings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen."

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

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

Speaker Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please, let the record show that Representative Younger is excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, let the record show, today, that all Republicans are present."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 117 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Speaker's Conference Room. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Speaker's Conference Room. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 678, offered by Representative Black; House Resolution 685, offered by Representative Lang; House Resolution 687, offered by Representative Reitz; House Resolution 699, offered by Representative Hamos; House Joint Resolution 52, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell; and House Joint Resolution 53, offered by Representative Poe. These Resolutions are referred to the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe. Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like for the Riverton fourth place in the state finals stand up above us. I want to introduce the coach, the head coach, Jeff Koger; assistant coach, Greg Furner and assistant coach, Brian Books. These boys, I said earlier that, a week ago we had Pleasant Plains school in here and I was the State Representative very fortunate to have the two best teams in the State of Illinois in my district. There was a triple overtime on the Saturday afternoon, and these boys did a great job and we want to compliment them on how they've led their community and they're outstanding boys. And we want everybody to congratulate 'em with a big hand."

Speaker Madigan: "Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, we'd like to have a softball practice this afternoon for the Senate/House softball game which is gonna occur next week. I'd like all House Members that would like to play in the

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softball game to practice about 4:00 or 4:30 this afternoon at a little field just north of Springfield High School, which is right over here to our west and it's on the north side on Washington Street, right next to the high school. There's a small field there that we'll meet about 4:00 or 4:30, practice for approximately an hour and a half and then the Members can go to their evening suppers or dinners they have planned. So once again, softball players, House Floor, we'll practice this afternoon about 4:00 at the field on the north side on Washington Street of Springfield High School which is just over here two blocks from the Capitol building. It's not the track field, folks. It's not the track field. So 4:00 this afternoon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a very special guest with us, today. I would like the Members to please take their chairs. I'd like the staff to retire to the rear of the chamber. Senator DeLeo, you can stay. Members in their chairs. Staff to the rear of the chamber. We're very pleased to have with us the Ambassador to the United States from the Slovakian Republic, the Republic of Slovakia. There is a sister-state relationship between the Slovakian Republic and the State of Illinois which I'm sure he will speak to, but at this time, I'm very pleased to present to you, Martin Butora, the Ambassador to the United States from the Slovakian Republic."

Ambassador Butora: "Thanks so much. Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for this wonderful introduction. I came here from a small central European country, Slovakia, which until 1993, was Czechoslovakia. We, after the Velvet Revolution, after the fall of communism, we had what we call the Velvet Divorce and we still have the best

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neighborhood relations with of our Czech friends. I came here to greet you in the name of cities in Slovakia, in the name obviously, of my President, Prime Minister and the Speaker and I'm sure they would love to be here with you, but they cannot be because they are busy with their duties. The President Schuster of the whole thing, the Conference of European Rabbis, which was moved for well-known reasons, from Austria to Bratislava. It's only 30 miles from Vienna to Bratislava. He paid the state a visit to Hungary and it was a very powerful visit because it showed the best relations between the Hungary and Slovakia. We are building the bridge over the Danube. The last bridge which was destroyed by the Nazis and abandoned by the Communists. The last unreconstructed bridge over the Danube between Esztergom in Hungary and Studevol in Slovakia. And I think this bridge is a good symbol of what contemporary Slovakia is about. Reaching out to its neighbors, reaching out to its very rich multicultural heritage, reaching out to its friends. That's the reason why we are here because we do not want to see everything inside the beltway in Washington. We like to visit the states to meet the friends, to have the contacts with your businessmen and with your politicians. Ten years ago the communism in my country was defeated and we started to build of our society anew. From a country in which 99% of its economy was state owned, we moved to a country where 85% of GDP is produced by the private sector. From a country which was totally eastward oriented in its export, we moved to a country which exports 90% of its commodities to the member states OACD. From a country where every individual was controlled, supervised, and harassed, we moved to a vibrant, flourishing civil society with hundreds of NGOs

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and civil associations and churches who speak out, participate and influence both the public debate as well as the decision making process and who were very instrumental of our last parliamentary elections in 1998 when we had incredible 84% turnout participating people in our parliamentary elections. I came here to thank you, to thank you Americans for the assistance, for the help, for the advice that you have provided for us in military and economics and political field, but this was not only the government. From the first date of the Velvet Revolution, there were literally thousands of Americans, many of them young, but it was of the elder generation who have been marching through the country, helping us quite frequently in the most distant areas in small villages teaching English, teaching people how to run a business, teaching people, and advising people on how to establish what is called the democratic fabric of contemporary modern Slovakia. And we are very thankful and grateful for it and we are thankful for the continuing American presence in Europe. I came here from the country which is called sometimes 'the Heart of the Europe' as Illinois is called 'the Heartland of America'. I came here from a country which is proud of its about 2 millions of Slovak-Americans who, including my family, who came here and who have been building and defending the United States and who have contributed significantly to the fabric of American life. The last week, they gathered in Washington and they gathered in order to ask for support, the American people and its elected Representatives for Slovakia's membership in North Atlantic Alliance. I came here from the country which after the horrors of nazism and communism strives to fulfill their roles of your great leader, your great

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statesmen and for us who have been for four decades surrounded by a barbed wire because the Iron Curtain was not an intellectual concept for us, it was something, very visible, very ugly and very humiliating. So for us the words of Abraham Lincoln are not a phrase, 'that this nation, under God' shall have a new burst of freedom and the government 'of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth'. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, I came here to tell you that due to your commitment to help Slovakia is a success story. And I came to invite you to a new Slovakia to enter new businesses, to seek for opportunities, to meet the people, and to have together in cooperation a better century which is now behind us. Thank you very much for your attention. Thank you so much."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, the Ambassador will be down in the well for any of those who wish to speak with him, privately. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measure was referred, action taken on March 28, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'to the floor for consideration' Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 649."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Wojcik."

Wojcik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege. It's my pleasure to host today, two young people from Germany, Mitja 'Mitch' Strathmann, who's over on the left side of the aisle. He is a student from Germany and is living in Schaumburg for approximately another three or four months, and then Susanne Lipski, to my right, who is an au pair from Schaumburg. And I have

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two delightful young ladies next to me, these are my two grandchildren and they're Paging for the day. This is Kate Gallagher and Tess Gallagher. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "On the Order of Senate Bills - Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 1294. Mr. Brunsvold. Mr. Brunsvold, do you wish to move the Bill? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1294, a Bill for an Act amending the Forest Preserve Zoological Parks Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Giglio. Mr. Giglio, do you wish to move Senate Bill 1353? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1353, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Identification Card Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Schoenberg. Senate Bill 1695. Do you wish to move the Bill? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1695, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith, on Senate Bill 1883. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1883, a Bill for an Act amending the Property Tax Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. On the Order of Senate Bills - Third Reading, there appears Senate Bill 1434. Representative Feigenholtz. Do you wish to call the Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1434, a Bill for an Act concerning dementia-related health care. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House and Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1434, a Bill sponsored by Senator Smith in the Senate, which passed out unanimously, is a Bill that asks the Department of Public Health to develop specialized training and experience criteria for individuals who provide health or home care to victims of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related disorders."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Feigenholtz moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Mr. Cross."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Cross: "Representative, are you... can you provide or shed some light on why the Department of Public Health, as well as the Department on Aging, are neutral and not proponents of this Bill?"

Feigenholtz: "Mr. Cross, I don't know the answer to that."

Cross: "Have you had any conversation with either one of those agencies?"

Feigenholtz: "No, I haven't."

Cross: "Did they testify in committee?"

Feigenholtz: "No, they did not."

Cross: "The only other state that's adopted a similar program or similar language is the State of Oregon. Am I reading that correctly?"

Feigenholtz: "I don't have anything about Oregon on anything I've

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got, Representative."

Cross: "Is there any reason... It was a little hard to hear your explanations, Sara, opening. What's the rationale behind this? I mean, are we... if you could tell us again. I'm sorry."

Feigenholtz: "You know, Representative, there's a large and growing baby boomer population and I believe that the proponents of the Bill were feeling that as that population continues to grow so will the population of people with Alzheimer's and dementia-related illness."

Cross: "Are there any studies or have there been any studies to suggest that, the way I understand it, it's the general thought process and I don't think anyone quarrels with that, there are... "

Feigenholtz: "No. And as you see, it's really a protection Bill for victims of these diseases who are cared for in their homes by health care providers and to ensure that these providers are properly trained. And I'm sure that a guy like you would support that kind of training, right?"

Cross: "Sara, I'm not trying to give you a hard time. I'm just trying to ask you some questions. I don't have any other questions, Mr. Speaker. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Two people have not voted. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 117 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome an institution that's actually constituents of

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Representative Erwin's. The Shedd Aquarium, every year, comes down to Springfield to inform people about the educational mission they have and the tourist attraction that they provide and the revenue and information they provide throughout the State of Illinois. I wish everybody would take a second to welcome the Shedd Aquarium and their volunteers that are here with us today. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Senate Bill 1474. Mr. Woolard. Do you wish to call your Bill? 1474. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1474, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Woolard."

Woolard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think that everyone recognizes what we're trying to do. We're trying to set the time frame back by two months in order to accommodate the local schools in marking their bus with safety tape. This is not an expensive item, in fact, it's a reimbursable item for the schools, but it's something that would be difficult to accomplish before the school year is completed. And this would give us the opportunity to do it in the off-season, during the summer, and I would encourage each and every one of you to support Senate Bill 1474."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, I just want to... You answered this question in committee, but I want to make sure that everybody understands this Bill and I'm not gonna vote against your Bill. I'm trying to figure out why I didn't vote against it a year ago because this is retrospective,

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correct?"

Woolard: "That is correct."

Black: "In other words, if you have a school district that has a
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Woolard: "Not this Bill, but..."

Black: "Yeah, the underlying Bill."

Woolard: "... the original."

Black: "I'm sorry."

Woolard: "Yes. Yes."

Black: "The underlying Bill means that all school buses have to
be reflectorized, not just ones that you will buy
henceforth, and that is already law, correct?"

Woolard: "You're correct."

Black: "So, what this Bill does is to allow school districts a
more reasonable time line, since many schools won't even be
out by June, a more reasonable time line to take their
buses out of service to have this done. That's the point
of this Bill, right?"

Woolard: "That is the sole purpose of this Bill. Just makes it
easier to accommodate the striping of these buses."

Black: "Okay. Representative, I can't remember, in committee,
you estimated a cost, it was not a substantial amount of
money, but on the record, was it a couple hundred dollars
or..."

Woolard: "Yeah, less than \$400, \$200 will accommodate most
buses."

Black: "Okay. And it is a reimbursable item if they apply to a
state board?"

Woolard: "It is."

Black: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Woolard: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Parke: "Thank you. Representative, is this... are we providing any state money for the school districts to do this?"

Woolard: "Yes. That was the last question that Representative Black just referred to."

Parke: "I'm sorry. I missed it, then."

Woolard: "If you apply for reimbursement from the State Board of Education, the monies are available to each school district for the expenses that they incur."

Parke: "So, there's no presumptions. This is an unfunded mandate. We do have the money available if the school district... "

Woolard: "The money is there, yes."

Parke: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Woolard to close."

Woolard: "I certainly believe that this is something that's logical and right and would certainly hope that everyone would support this issue."

Speaker Madigan: "Those in favor of the passage of the Bill vote 'aye'; those opposed vote '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 117 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Hartke, Senate Bill 1650. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1650, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Fertilizer Act of 1961. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House."

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Senate Bill 1650 puts into play what is actually happening with the appropriation of the Illinois Fertilizer Fund in the State of Illinois. Several years ago we created this fund to allow some research at the University of Illinois with the advice to consider the Fertilizer Research and Education Program and it's under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture. In order to gain expertise to make sure that we award these grants to various groups to do research, we wanted to make sure that this research was not done prior to that and so we have been using a certain amount of these funds to hire expertise to study the grant applications. This puts into practice what is actually happening and allows up to 3% of the Fertilizer Fund to be used for administrative purposes. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Lawfer."

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

Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Lawfer: "Representative, will this, in any way, have an additional cost to farmers that are buying fertilizer?"

Hartke: "Absolutely not, Representative Lawfer. That was done several years ago when the Illinois Fertilizer Act was amended and it was done at that time."

Lawfer: "Do you know of any opposition to this Bill?"

Hartke: "I know of no opposition to this Bill."

Lawfer: "I think you'd had unanimous support in the Agriculture Committee and I would urge a 'yes' vote."

Hartke: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

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Black: "Representative Hartke, let me just follow up with Representative Lawfer's question because it's always important and it's always hard to hear on the floor of the House, and I think there's some misunderstandings about the Bill. And let's make it very clear and I'll rely on you to do that. There is no imposition of any fee in this Bill to any farm group, co-op or fertilizer dealer, correct?"

Hartke: "That is absolutely correct. Several years ago there was a ten cents per ton fee that was put on the sale of fertilizer in the State of Illinois to go into a fund to study the effects of fertilizer on the environment. That fund raises about \$400,000 a year. At that time, it was an increase from four cents a ton, I do believe, to ten cents a ton and there was no opposition at that time. This was the initiative of the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association because of some of the concerns that people had about the effects of use of fertilizer on the environment and our water quality in Illinois. And so, over the years, they've done research and development on the placement of fertilizer, the timing, the time of the year, the amount of fertilizers and so forth, be placed on soils and it's been very valuable research. But at that time we were concerned about are we reinventing the wheel and so we hired expertise who graded and looked at and evaluated the various grant applications that were put forth to the fertilizer fund for these monies and we hired somebody to do that, although maybe we couldn't have then. This puts into play, which allows those funds to be used, to hire this expertise so that the money is not wasted."

Black: "And I think it's very important to note that this Bill carefully controls that fund. In other words, again, there's been some people come up and ask me that you're

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giving the total control of this money to the Department of Agriculture who could then spend it on operating expenses and that's not correct. Not correct at all."

Hartke: "Well, this money... The Director of Agriculture signs off on this money, but there is a board appointed by the Leaders of all four caucuses here in the Illinois House, along with other leaders in the agriculture industry to look at the grant requests that are made. They make a recommendation to the Director of Agriculture and his board on which grants to give to what entities that have applied. The final decision for those grants is with the Director of Agriculture."

Black: "Right. So this Bill really addresses an audit finding and clarifies that the bulk of the money is to be used for the research for which the underlying Bill was passed."

Hartke: "Yes, yes, absolutely."

Black: "Yeah."

Hartke: "I think it designates 3% of... if I'm correct."

Black: "Very good. I appreciate it. Well, if anybody would wonder what this fertilizer could do after we research it, the fish down in front of the chamber is part of the Illinois aquaculture experiment that Representative Stephens worked so hard on a year or two ago, and as you can see, just a few months ago that was just a very small minnow. And with the application of the right fertilizer, my goodness, look what's happening now. So, I think it's just a testimony to your effort because no one can spread more fertilizer, more effectively than you, Representative. And that's why we need to vote 'yes' on this Bill."

Hartke: "Thank you very much. I appreciate that compliment, I think."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hartke to close."

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Hartke: "I would just ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? One person has not voted. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 117 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Pugh for the purpose of an announcement. Mr. Pugh."

Pugh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege to announce the birthday of my seatmate, Mr. Willis Harris. It's his 69th birthday."

Speaker Madigan: "Senate Bill 1690, Representative Feigenholtz. Do you wish to call the Bill? Representative. The Lady indicates she does not wish to call her Bill. Representative Shirley Jones."

Jones, S.: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. A special privilege. I have a very close friend of mine birthday today and that's Representative Lou Jones. She made 16 today."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen would you give your attention to the Clerk who will read a committee schedule. Mr. Cross, would you give your attention to the Clerk, Sir. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "The following committees will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, March 29th. At 8:30 a.m., the Child Support Enforcement Committee will meet in Room 114. At 9 a.m., the Judiciary I - Civil Law Committee will meet in Room C-1. Immediately after Session tomorrow, the Environment and Energy Committee will meet in Room 114. This committee schedule has been passed out to all Members."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill 1281? 1281."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1281 is on the Order of Senate Bills - Third Reading."

Speaker Madigan: "Put that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege. I would like the House to welcome Father Minogue, the President of DePaul University. He's visiting with us today. I'm an alma mater. I know a lot of Members in this chamber are. So with that, could we give him a warm welcome."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, for an announcement."

Clerk Rossi: "There's a correction on the committee schedule that has just been passed out. The Judiciary I - Civil Law Committee, scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., has been cancelled. On the committee schedule that was just passed out, the Judiciary I - Civil Law Committee scheduled to meet at 9 a.m. will not meet."

Speaker Madigan: "Is there anything further to come before the Body? The Chair recognizes Representative Lopez for the purpose of an announcement. Representative Lopez."

Lopez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Democrats will caucus right after adjournment. Democrats will caucus right after Session."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has announced a House Democratic Caucus immediately. Mr. Tom Johnson."

Johnson, Tom: "Yes. Purposes of an announcement. As we previously informed some of the Members, the Prison Reform Committee scheduled in Chicago for Friday has been cancelled."

Speaker Madigan: "Is there anything further to come before the

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Body? There being nothing further, Representative Currie moves that the House does stand adjourned until 11 a.m. tomorrow morning. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned until 11 a.m. tomorrow morning providing perfunctory time for the Clerk. And again, there will be an immediate House Democratic Caucus. Thank you."