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Secretary White: "Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention, please. The hour of 12:00 has arrived and we have some serious business that we must attend to today."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "All assembled in these chambers give attention. All assembled in these chambers give attention. The Secretary of State, the Honorable Jesse White, sends greetings and proclaims: That this day, the second Wednesday of January 2005, is the day fixed for the convening of the House of Representatives of the 94th General Assembly of the State of Illinois pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution. All persons except Members and their families are requested to withdraw from the chambers and the Provisional Doorkeeper is directed to clear the aisles."

Secretary White: "Will the House of Representatives of the 94th General Assembly of the State of Illinois will come to order. Welcome. Quoting from the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, Articles IV Section 6(b), 'On the first day of the January Session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall convene the House of Representatives to elect from its Membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as presiding officer.' We shall be led in prayer by the Bishop George J. Lucas, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield."

Bishop Lucas: "Almighty and eternal God, You reveal Your glory to us in every time and place. You are the God of power and might, of wisdom and justice. Through You all authority is rightly administered. Laws are enacted and judgment decreed. Let the light of Your divine wisdom direct th... the deliberations of the Illinois House of Representatives of

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the 94th General Assembly. Let Your will be reflected in all the proceedings of this Body and in the laws framed for our common good. May the work of each Member seek to promote and protect the blessings of liberty and human dignity which are Your gifts to us. We likewise commend to Your unbounded mercy all of the citizens of the State of Illinois that we may all be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Your holy law. Help us learn to be good stewards of the rights and privileges given us in this world that we may be worthy to receive the blessings that are eternal. We pray to You who are Lord and God forever and forever. Amen."

Secretary White: "Will you still... wi... will you remain standing. All Members and their guests, I ask to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Representative Arthur Turner."

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

Secretary White: "You may be seated. Well, maybe I said the wrong thing. For the duration of the organizational proceedings, I have appointed the following Provisional Officers: as Provisional Clerk, Mark Mahoney; as Provisional Doorkeeper, Lee Crawford; as Provisional Parliamentarian, Robert Uhe. Also joining with us are many distinguished people here in the State of Illinois: Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn, Treasurer Judy Barr Topinka, U.S. Representative John Shimkus, U.S. Representative Ray LaHood, Auditor

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General Bill Holland. The Provisional Clerk will call rolls of the Members elected to the 94th General Assembly. The roll will be called in alphabetical order as certified by the State Board of Elections. We will now proceed with the Attendance Roll Call. If the Members will please answer 'present'. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Edward Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Patricia Bailey."

Bailey: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Suzanne Bassi."

Bassi: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Mark Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Patricia Bellock."

Bellock: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Dan Beiser."

Beiser: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Tony Berrios."

Berrios: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Bob Biggins."

Biggins: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Black."

Black: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Mike Boland."

Boland: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Mike Bost."

Bost: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley."

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Bradley, J.: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Richard Bradley."  
Bradley, R.: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Dan Brady."  
Brady: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Brauer."  
Brauer: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "James Brosnahan."  
Brosnahan: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Daniel Burke."  
Burke: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Linda Chapa LaVia."  
Chapa LaVia: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Michelle Chavez."  
Chavez: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Robert Churchill."  
Churchill: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Annazette Collins."  
Collins: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Marlow Colvin."  
Colvin: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Elizabeth Coulson."  
Coulson: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Tom Cross."  
Cross: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Shane Cultra."  
Cultra: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Barbara Flynn Currie."  
Currie: "Present."

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Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "John D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Lee Daniels."

Daniels: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "William Delegado."

Delgado: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Lisa Dugan."

Dugan: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Kenneth Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Joe Dunn."

Dunn: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Roger Eddy."

Eddy: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Sara Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Bob Flider."

Flider: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Mary Flowers."

Flowers: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Jack Franks."

Franks: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "John Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Paul Froehlich."

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Froehlich: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Calvin Giles."  
Giles: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Careen Gordon."  
Gordon: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Deborah Graham."  
Graham: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Kurt Granberg."  
Granberg: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Julie Hamos."  
Hamos: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Gary Hannig."  
Hannig: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Brent Hassert."  
Hassert: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Jay Hoffman."  
Hoffman: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Tom Holbrook."  
Holbrook: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Connie Howard."  
Howard: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Randy Hultgren."  
Hultgren: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Naomi Jakobsson."  
Jakobsson: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Chuck Jefferson."  
Jefferson: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Roger Jenisch."  
Jenisch: "Present."

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Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Lou Jones."  
Jones: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Kevin Joyce."  
Joyce: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Robin Kelly."  
Kelly: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Renee Kosel."  
Kosel: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Carolyn Krause."  
Krause: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Lou Lang."  
Lang: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "David Leitch."  
Leitch: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Patricia Reid Lindner."  
Lindner: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Eileen Lyons."  
Lyons, E.: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Joseph Lyons."  
Lyons, J.: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Michael J. Madigan."  
Madigan: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Sidney Mathias."  
Mathias: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Frank Mautino."  
Mautino: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Karen May."  
May: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Michael McAuliffe."

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McAuliffe: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Kevin McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Jack McGuire."

McGuire: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Larry McKeon."

McKeon: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Susana Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Jim Meyer."

Meyer: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "David Miller."

Miller: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "John Millner."

Millner: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Donald Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Robert Molaro."

Molaro: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Rosemary Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Ruth Munson."

Munson: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Richard 'Rich' Myers."

Myers: "Present."



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Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Elaine Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "JoAnn Osmond."

Osmond: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Harry Osterman."

Osterman: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Terry Parke."

Parke: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Milton Patterson."

Patterson: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Brandon Phelps."

Phelps: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Sandra Pihos."

Pihos: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Raymond Poe."

Poe: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Robert Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "David Reis."

Reis: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Dan Reitz."

Reitz: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Bob Rita."

Rita: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Chapin Rose."

Rose: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Kathleen Ryg."

Ryg: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Jim Sacia."

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Sacia: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Skip Saviano."

Saviano: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Timothy Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Aaron Schock."

Schock: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "George Scully."

Scully: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Michael Smith."

Smith: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Keith Sommer."

Sommer: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Cynthia Soto."

Soto: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Ron Stephens."

Stephens: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Ed Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Art Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Michael Tryon."

Tryon: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Art Turner."

Turner: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Patrick Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Ronald Wait."

Wait: "Present."

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Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Eddie Washington."

Washington: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Jim Watson."

Watson: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Dave Winters."

Winters: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Karen Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "Wyvetter Younge."

Younge: "Present."

Secretary White: "A hundred eighteen Representatives-Elect having answered the roll and being in attendance, a quorum is present and the House of Representatives of the 94th General Assembly is officially convened. The Provisional Clerk will enter the Attendance Roll into the Journal. And now I have the honor of presenting a former Member of this chamber, the Honorable Alan J. Greiman, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court who will administer the constitutional oath of office, following which each Member shall execute the written oath on their desk to be filed in my office. Justice Greiman. Thank you."

Justice Greiman: "Thank you and good afternoon. If each Member-Elect would stand at their desk, raise your right hand and repeat after me, 'I, state your name, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Representative in the General Assembly according to the best of my ability.'

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Congratulations to you all. I wish you a great year. Thank you."

Secretary White: "Okay. May I have your attention, please. Congratulations, everyone. I had the great pleasure of serving this Body for 16 years so I understand the feeling. Again, will the Members of the House please execute the written oath and submit them to the Provisional Clerk. I'll try it again. I'll... will... will you please stand at ease. Military terminology, will you please stand down. Again, will all of Members of the House please execute the written oath and submit them to the Provisional Clerk. Members shall execute their signature on all four copies and pass the oaths towards the center of the aisle. There will be persons in the center aisle that will collect them so that you don't have to come down to the well. The House will be at ease for a few moments while you carry out your signing of your oath. So, please, execute on all four copies and send them to the center aisle. Thank you. And while they are executing the signing of their oath, all persons except Members and authorized staff are asked to withdraw from the chamber. All persons except Members and authorized staff are asked to withdraw from the chambers. And for... further information, there's a closed-circuit television set in Rooms 114, 115, and 118 on the first floor. Ladies and Gentlemen, the door is to your rear and we would hope that you will take advantage of it because we have some serious business that we must attend to today and that business begins right now. Rooms 114, 115, and 118, there are television sets available to you on the first floor. Ladies

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and Gentlemen, we still have a lot of work ahead of us. So, please, take advantage of those three television sets in Rooms 114,115, and 118 on the first floor. So, with the next few minutes we'd like to move forward with the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are prepared to move forward. May I have your attention, please. May I have your attention, please. Under Article IV, Section 6(b) of the Constitution, the first order of business of the House of Representatives is the election of Members under Article 4, Section 6B of the Constitution, the first order of business of this House is the election from its Members a Speaker as presiding officer. The House is now governed by the Rules of House of the 94th... 93rd General Assembly which we are... made applicable to these proceedings by Section III of the General Assembly Operations Act. These rules provide that persons receiving a majority of the votes of the Members shall be elected Speaker. Therefore, 60 votes in favor of a nominee shall be required to be elected Speaker. Debate shall not be in order following nominations and proceedings or during the vote. Nominations are now in order for the Office of the Speaker. The Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Hoffman, is recognized for a nomination."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Since 1983, for over 20 years, Michael J. Madigan has been our Democratic Leader in the Illinois House of Representatives. He also has been our Speaker. He's been the Speaker for the Republicans. He's been the Speaker for Democrats. He's been my Speaker and I am proud to place his

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name in nomination for Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. It doesn't seem that long ago... It's been 14 years when I cast my first vote for Michael J. Madigan for Speaker. Since that time, I've witnessed him work for us, I've witn... witnessed him work for all of Illinois. His dedication, his commitment, no task is too big, no task is too small, his ability to listen intently. As I indicated in our caucus about a month ago, I believe one of his biggest strength is his ability to listen intently, so much so, when I talk to him, sometimes I feel like I'm answering myself while he listens and he listens and he listens. But you know he's hearing you. And you know he's hearing what you're saying and you know he's listening and understanding your needs and understanding how he can work to help you. He's now served an unprecedented 20 years as Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. During that time, he's seen many changes. And as our Speaker, he's led us while the political environment has changed around us. It has shifted and changed all around us as time has gone on, whether it's been taking back control of the House for us, the Democrats, in 1996 which allowed our caucus to regain control to leading us into the... into the new century, a time of ethics reform and political reform. I consider the Member... Members of our caucus, all of us like a family, but I also consider the people on the other side of the aisle like family, too. As you know, sometimes members of families aren't always going to agree. I think disagreement... unbelievable isn't it, but this year it's gonna be different. That's right. Disagreement and

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dissent, they're healthy in a democracy. But like a family we come together to work to our common goals, helping people who need help, quality education for our children, health care for our senior citizens, a voice for working men and women and yes, a voice for business. Michael J. Madigan through his dedication and tenacity, his leadership, has led us in this chamber to work for the people of Illinois. For all these reasons and many more, I'm proud to place for nomination of Speaker the name of Michael J. Madigan, Speaker."

Secretary White: "Is there a second to this nomination? The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Thank you Mr. Secretary and Members of this august assembly. It's an honor and a privilege to stand before you and second my colleague's Motion to nominate Michael J. Madigan as Speaker. I rise without hesitation or doubt, something that's not easily done here in Springfield. With all the difficult choices that we will be faced with the 94th General Assembly, it's nice to know that the one that's the most important is the easiest. For those of you who have not been here long, you may be still overcoming the veil of mystery that surrounds Michael J. Madigan. With anyone who shoulders his re... position, there will be many who have disagreements with him and I count myself in that group; however, those who take the professional disagreements into the personal realm go too far. Those who take the process personally close themselves off from being true statesmen and women. Each new General Assembly is a

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fresh new start, an opportunity to advance our cause, to improve access to health care, improving the quality of health care, better educating our children, strengthening public safety, eradicating discrimination, fiscal responsibility, protecting the rights of people to organize and taking care of our seniors. But Michael J. Madigan is not Speaker because people believe in what we say. It's easy to speak of a better of Illinois and it's easy to speak in broad terms on policy. It's the results that make the difference. In Illinois we've been able to deliver and Michael J. Madigan has been at the helm since 1983 making sure that we stay on track and that we deliver. This distinguished tenure is one of the reasons I stand today. I don't know about you but I look at how a person handles challenge and difficulty and how they respond in the worst of times. It's easy to shine in the best of times. Who could've fathom what happened during one of the longest Sessions experienced in Illinois history. Yet, in spite of it all, Michael J. Madigan stood firm and resolute and we got our work done despite the infighting that my colleague said is not gonna happen this year. This past year alone, we delivered on ethics reform, death penalty reform, education reform, prescription drug reform and again, I could go on and on. This is only a small representation of what we done over the years and merely a hint of what we can do in the upcoming Session. But we need Michael J. Madigan. We need him at the helm of this Body. There are troubled waters ahead, we all know this. I can think of no one I would rather have as Leader than Michael J. Madigan. He is



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able to do something that is very, very difficult and that is to lead leaders. Yes, we are all leaders here and we find ourselves, again, in charge of selecting our Leader. Now being a Speaker is not an easy job. Not only is he in charge of the day-to-day functions of the House of Representatives, he is in charge of a capable staff, the agenda of the State of Illinois, he's our liaison with the Senate and the Executive Branch. Words cannot highlight the importance of this position. But Michael J. Madigan is a capable man, he's a fair man and he's a man of true resolve. He's responsive to this state, his district and all of our districts. So, I stand before you, not the first time we will be together and certainly not the last. We will agree and we will disagree. We will represent our districts even if it means voting against our friends. This all comes with the territory. When you represent all of the people, there will be clashing viewpoints. Just remember that politics should not be taken personally. We are the Representatives, not the issues. So, as we assemble united, please join me in the ultimate show of unity. I ask each of you to join me in supporting Michael J. Madigan in his bid for Speaker of the House of the 94th General Assembly. Let's send the message that Illinois Legislators are united and it's with this that I second the Motion to nominate Michael J. Madigan for Speaker. Thank you."

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

Chavez: "Thank you, Secretary White. I'm confident that Michael Madigan will lead this Body to help improve the lives of the

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citizens of Illinois. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it is both an honor and a privilege to stand before you as a new state Representative from the 24th District and the second Motion for represent... for represent... Representative Michael J. Madigan who is Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives."

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Hoffman, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House. The Lady from Cook, Representative Yarbrough, the Lady from Cook, Representative Chavez second the nomination for Representative Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House. Representative Madigan is nominated for the office of Speaker of the House. Are there further nominations for the office of Speaker? The Chair repre... recognizes Representative Black, the Gentleman from Vermilion."

Black: "Thank you very much, the distinguished Secretary of State, it's always good to have you back in the chamber. We... we served together in this Body for many years and it's... I'm always proud to carry your autograph in my billfold, Mr. Speaker. I just ask that you don't take it away. I'm getting to that age where I have to be tested every year. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, honored guests, it is my distinct pleasure today to rise to nominate a young man for the office of Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. I stood before you 2 years ago to second this man's nomination and I told you that he had promised significant change in the way we would do business on this side of the aisle and I said at that time, change is

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not easy. It doesn't come easy, particularly in a chamber where tradition is such an important part of the history of this Body. But change he did accomplish. He has opened up the process. He... under his leadership we elect half of the leaders of our caucus. This gives all Members some measure of direct input, if you would, into the direction that our caucus will go. Has it been easy? No, it has not. Have there been difficulties? Yes, there have. Have there been bumps in the road? Several. Have there been hurt feelings? Yes. Change does not come easy. But I quote a great name in literature, Robert Browning who said, 'A man's reach must exceed his grasp or what's a heaven for.' And when you reach as this young man did to make significant changes, there were difficulties but we worked them out. I have found him approachable. I have found his door open and that's ol... that's an old cliché in this business, my door is always open. We all know better than that. Sometimes even those of us who are not in positions of Leadership, close our door, on occasion. But his door is open and he has listened very effectively and very efficiently to the Members of his caucus. I have enjoyed watching this young man grow into his position as the Leader of our caucus. And you know I have seen many people in my time here. Someone on the other side of the aisle said that they had nominat... remember voting for their candidate for Speaker some 14 years ago. I remember voting for my candidate for Speaker many years ago, I believe his name was Abraham Lincoln. But I just want you to know the young man whose name I place in nomination for Speaker of the House today, when it was not

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popular, when it wasn't the thing to do, when many people went to him and said, 'shush, quiet, we've gotten along just fine without ethics legislation.' He not only swam uphill, I would submit to you that he authored the legislation. And while others may take credit, let me just share with you it would not have happened without the hard work of the man that I will place in nomination for Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. He pushed for ethics reform when many people in this chamber didn't really know how to spell it. He has also pushed for fiscal reform and responsibility. And I would submit to you that task will be even greater in the 94th General Assembly than it was in the 93rd General Assembly. He has been in the center of efforts and he not just by press release, he has visited areas and he's in the center of the firestorm that will not go away and that is to reform the medical malpractice issue which is stripping our state, particularly in southern Illinois of critically needed doctors and closing hospitals. It won't go away. And under this man's leadership as Speaker, we will address it, not just talk about it. He exhibits the qualities of a true leader. Have any of you stopped to think what this responsibility entails? Thousands of miles of travel, speaking to countless meetings, dinners, events throughout the state, seldom are you home. I sometimes think we simply do not appreciate the task that someone seeking this job takes on. Mus... they must all have saints as family members because they are so seldom home and they are always available to come to our district to help. It is a tireless and often thankless task that they are willing to

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do. Let me paraphrase one of my good friends on the other side of the aisle as I submit this man's name in the nomination for the office of Speaker of the Illinois General Assembly. Ladies and Gentlemen, on this side of the aisle we're very proud that we have a new face, a new leader and with your help and I ask you to join with me in electing a new Speaker for the 21st century. I respectfully and proudly submit the name of Tom Cross for Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives in the 94th General Assembly."

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black places the nomination the name of the Gentleman from Kendall, Tom Cross for Speaker of the House. Is there a... a second nomination? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jasper, Representative Reis."

Reis: "Thank you all very much, Mr. Secretary and Ladies and Gentlemens of the House. It is a great honor for me to address this Body today on this very special day. Today is special because not only has it given a chance for a farm boy from the small town of St. Marie to join this distinguished Body, but it also gives... it also gives me the pleasure and the opportunity to second the nomination of Tom Cross to the Illinois Speaker of the House. You know, I got to know Tom 3 years ago and he made it clear to me at that time, his vision of bringing openness and inclusion into our caucus. More than that, he made clear his commitment to the values and goals of each of our districts. Tom Cross will be a Speaker that will bring fairness, understanding and energy, facing the issues of all of our families. Mr.

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Secretary, I pla... I second the nomination of Tom Cross to... as Speaker of the House of the Illinois Representatives in the 94th General Assembly."

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

Lyons, E.: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. David and I have been giv... been given the unenviable task of following Bill Black in seconding the nomination. And I want to say that as was said earlier, there are 118 leaders in this chamber. Now, in some politically incorrect circles, that might be seen as having too many chiefs not enough Indians but not in this case, because our constituents did not elect us to be followers. And in what some people describe as the organized chaos of this chamber, we need a CEO of chiefs. And 2 years ago we elected Tom Cross to be our Leader. And at that time, Tom pledged to reach out to all Members for their input. He pledged to develop a 'bottoms up' involvement of Members, not one that was where the decisions were made at the top and dictated to Members. He also pledged that he... any Member who wanted to get involved could get more involved. Tom said his most important job was to represent our views for the better vision of the citizens of the State of Illinois. He also said that he would aggressively present our views but that there was too much partisanship for partisanship's sake and that the bickering had to end and it was necessary to work with all Members of the Legislative and Executive Branches for the good of Illinois. I personally had very high hopes for Tom. And looking back over the last 2 years, I must say that I have

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been rewarded because he has not only fulfilled his pledges but he has instilled a new unity in our caucus, an inclusiveness. Tom has the ability to be a leader who uses persuasion not coercion. He's very open to constructive criticism. And I'm very proud to be a member of his caucus and his leadership team. And I want to say that I am proud to say that he was reelected because he earned our trust and second his nomination for Speaker. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Lake, Representative Osmond."

Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in support of the nomination of Tom Cross as Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. Representative Cross has supported the process of an open caucus which will allowed... which allowed me, as a freshman Legislator, to ask questions and propose new ideas. Representative Cross is a leader with knowledge, understanding and compassion for the citizens of this great State of Illinois. I am honored and proud to second the nomination of Representative Tom Cross as Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives."

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Kendall, Tom Cross for Speaker of the House. The Gentleman from Jasper, Representative Reis and the Lady from Cook, Representative Lyons and the Lady from Lake, Representative Osmond second the nomination for Repr... of Representative Tom Cross for the office of Speaker. Representative Cross is nominated for the office of Speaker. Are there further

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nominations for the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives? There being no further nominations offered from floor, nominations for the office of Speaker are closed. The nominees for the office of Speaker for the 93rd General Assembly... 94th General Assembly are Representatives Michael J. Madigan and Representative Tom Cross. And on that question, the Clerk will call the roll. I'll ask the Members to be in their chairs. We will have an oral Roll Call and when your name is called, please stand and announce in a loud clear voice your vote. Representative Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Honorable Secretary White and Members of the House of Representatives, I will at this time move that the House vote by acclamation for Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the House of Representatives... Representatives for the 94th General Assembly. I would, of course, Mr. Secretary, ask for one Member to withhold their vote so that I could be elected Minority Leader and I respectfully make this in way of a Motion, Mr. Secretary."

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Kendall, Representative Cross has moved that the House of Representatives vote by acclamation for the election of Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 94th General Assembly. And on that Motion, I'd like to recognize Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, on Mr. Cross' Motion, please record me as voting for Mr. Cross."

Secretary White: "Mr... Mr. Clerk, there's a Motion on the floor to elect by acclamation Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 94th General Assembly. All



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in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan has been elected Speaker by acclamation. And on that question, Representative Madigan receives 117 votes and Representative Cross receives 1 vote. I hereby declare Michael J. Madigan as... Michael J. Madigan has been elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 94th General Assembly and Tom Cross has been elected Minority Leader of the House of Representatives for the 94th General Assembly. With the consent of the House, I will appoint nine Members to constitute an Honor Committee to escort the Speaker to the rostrum to take the constitutional oath. Is there leave? Leave being granted, I appoint the following Committee of Escort: Representative Susan (sic-Suzanne) Bassi, Representative John Bradley, Representative Kevin Joyce, Representative Robin Kelly, Representative Jim Meyer, Representative Elaine Nekritz, Representative Sandra Pihos, Representative Robert Pritchard, Representative Cynthia Soto. Will the committee retire to the seat of Representative Michael J. Madigan to escort him to the rostrum. To administer the constitutional oath of the Speaker, I have the honor of again presenting to this Body the Honorable Alan J. Greiman, Justice of the Appellate Court. Justice Greiman... joining Justice Greiman on the podium will be the family of Speaker Madigan and as they proceed forward, he will be joined by his family who will assist in the administering of the oath. Justice Greiman."

Justice Greiman: "Michael, Michael, raise your right hand and repeat after me: I and your name..."

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

Justice Greiman: "Do solemnly swear..."

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

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

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

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

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

Justice Greiman: "...and that I will fully discharge..."

Madigan: "...and I will fully discharge..."

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

Madigan: "...the duties of Speaker of the House of Representatives..."

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

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

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escort previously appointed to escort the Speaker assemble at the rostrum to escort the Honorable Jesse White, Secretary of State, from the podium. You all did a great job. Mr. Secretary, we sincerely appreciate your service and the fine way in which you have conducted these proceedings. Thank you very, very much. Chair recognizes Mr. Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to acknowledge everybody here today, our guests, it's nice to have a few Republican colleagues down up... down up front. I'd like to see a few more, but we're working on that. So, Congressmen LaHood and

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Shimkus and Judy Barr, thank you for being here. It's good to have you. Wanna congratulate all that have been sworn in today, this is an exciting day. This is a great institution. There's some days that aren't so good, but by and large, I... this is a wonderful place. And at the end of the day, when it's all said and done, we have an opportunity to make people's lives better. And for those that are new at this, I think you will find that to be the case. And I applaud your success in your election and I'm glad that you can be joined by your families. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate you on your reelection as Speaker. You were very... as I said yesterday, you have been very accommodating at the appropriate times to work with us as the Minority Party over the last 2 years. And I think by working together to address the state's problems we were able to solve a good number of the problems working together. And I'm of the opinion that we can continue to do that in the next 2 years. And I, again, wanna say, thank you for your working with us. It was very, very appropriate, I think. I want to acknowledge a few people that are here today, familywise. My mom and dad are here and they have always been so supportive of everything I've done. Tom and Ruth... Reverend Tom and Ruth Cross. My brothers, Scott and Kennedy are somewhere. They're up in the gallery. Thank you guys for being here. My brother Brad could not be here. And then I want to introduce my wife and I think Bill said this, Black, a few minutes ago. The patience and understanding of spouses in this business does not necessarily get the recognition... or they don't get the recognition they deserve.

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And so, I'd like to introduce my wife, Genie. Genie, why don't you stand up. And thank you for your understanding. And really, thanks to all spouses for your understanding because this is a very time-consuming job. I want to thank Eileen and Bill and David and JoAnn for their kind words and their comments. And also, to our caucus on the Republican side of the aisle for nominating me as Speaker. We have gone through some changes over the last 2 years. Bill Black talked about 'em. The openness, the looking for input. Most days I like that. There's some times I wonder why on earth I said, let's do that, but, it is definitely the way to go. And we have implemented a change in our caucus, I think for the better. And as a result of that, we've tried to get input from all Members of our caucus, substantive input. And we have, as a result of that, of the creative ideas and innovative ideas that have come from our caucus, been able to help direct the direction of this state in a positive way. And that's happened because of the ideas of the Members of our caucus. And I appreciate all that you have done as Republican Members on this side of the aisle because you have come up with good ideas in some tough times. And I would also like to acknowledge, Bill O'Connor's work in our caucus. Bill has been very helpful in instituting our changes, the changes we've gone through, they have not been easy. He's very... been very good about keeping the process open. He's been very good on working with legislation such as ethics and death penalty reform and others. Bill, I want to thank you for the work you've done on behalf of our caucus. There are a few issues that we are

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gonna face this spring and I think everybody would agree that perhaps the most pressing issue and the one that will dominate this General Assembly is the budget. Last year our caucus established some parameters and guidelines of how they'd like to see the budget deficit addressed and that was to see the size of government shrink. That's not easy, that's not pleasant and you have to make some tough de... tough choices. But by setting those guidelines and in working with your side of the aisle, then the Democrat side and the Senate and the Governor, we were actually able to shrink government last year for the first time that I've seen us do that in the 12 years I've been here and I think that was the right way to go. I think this year we are gonna wanna to try to do that again, cause we're gonna have some difficult times. But I think the balance that we will need to find is how we can cut back on the size of government, but not ignore the needs of our most vulnerable citizens. And I think we all will need to work to find that very important balance, to establish and make sure we meet the needs of those that need our help, but also downsizing government where we don't need it. We also need to recognize the diversity of this state. The City of Chicago is great, the suburbs are great, downstate is great. But, what we need to do, again, is find balance. We will find it on... we need to find it on issues of schools, we need to find it on issues of roads, we need to find it on issues of transportation, such as the CTA and the RTA. We need to meet our needs as families expect us to meet the needs they've come to expect over the years. But we need to do it

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in a fair and balanced way. We need to do that by working with both sides and I think that will be a tough challenge this year. The other thing we need to do to help address this state's resource needs is focus more and more on the creation of jobs. Over the last couple of years, maybe even a little before, we've seen families leaving the State of Illinois because there aren't enough jobs. As a General Assembly we need to do better and get into the business of bringing those jobs back to the State of Illinois instead of exporting them out. We need to work together on that. And perhaps, an issue that has created a great deal of division in this caucus... or not in this caucus, in this chamber and Bill alluded to it, is the medical litigation system. We can no longer ignore the issue of access to health care. We are losing physicians, we are losing neurosurgeons, we're losing obstetricians. And not just downstate, but around the State of Illinois. I think it's time we put again... put aside political interests and special interests and as Representatives, come up with a solution to make sure we continue to provide quality and accessible health care to residents of the State of Illinois. And last but not least, Mr. Speaker, an issue we're gonna face and I think you're gonna see General Assemblies around the country face this and it's something we can't ignore, is how we address the issue of stem cell research. We've seen progress with adult stem cell research. We've seen progress with cord research... stem cell research. And the real area that's becoming somewhat controversial, but holds a lot of promise is embryonic stem cell research. And I realize that people in

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this Body have different faiths and different religious beliefs and different political beliefs, but we can no longer ignore this issue and the benefits that so many people believe are there for people fighting disease. I've spent 12 years in this Body and I've done my best to not personalize issues 'cause I... I think that's... it doesn't mean you don't have passion, it doesn't mean that you don't have beliefs, it doesn't mean you have opinions, I've tried to not personalize it. I will tell you today, this is a personal issue for me. We have... Genie and I have two great kids, Hudson Cross, who's... Hudson, stand up so everybody sees you in your nice looking blue blazer. Hudson, say 'hi' to everybody. Hudson... Hudson is 8 years old, is a good little ball player, good musician, good student and he's a good brother to his sister and a good son and we're very fortunate to have him. We also have a beautiful 11-year-old daughter, Reynolds. Reynolds, why don't you stand up? I don't mean to embarrass you, sweetheart. Incidentally, Reynolds is joined... I'm learning... and I think I said this 2 years ago, I'm learning more and more about this. You know, girls we travel, we don't travel alone, we travel to... with friends. And that's... her friend today is Miranda Pince. Miranda, thank you for joining Reynolds, you're a good friend. But Reynolds Cross and... is like her brother, a good little athlete, a good student, good musician. The distinction, not only with their... between sex and their age is that Reynolds every day has the challenge of dealing with diabetes, type one and she handles it very well. She's a tough kid. The Lord makes people tough, I think, some

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tougher than others. I think she's tougher than her father and... in fact, I know she is. And she deals the day to days of diabetes, the 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. She has since she was a lit... 6 years old. She gives herself shots and she pricks her finger and she experiences the lows of diabetes and the highs of diabetes. And she misses school and it's not fun. I don't tell you about Reynolds Cross 'cause she's looking for sympathy or we are. Reynolds is a... is a wonderful girl and her mother and I are very blessed. A lot of people have worse things they have to deal with. We know that. I tell you about Reynolds Cross, though, because she represents the literally hundreds and thousands of people in this country and around the world that stand to benefit from some forms of stem cell research. And that's why we can no longer ignore this issue. There's a lot of promise with stem cell research. And as I said, Reynolds does very well today. But what we can do as a General Assembly is provide hope and opportunity for the future for Reynolds Cross and the hundreds and thousands of people that struggle with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's and spinal cord injuries and cancer, just to list a few diseases that can... can be, we think, perhaps eliminated with stem cell research. Again, I realize we have different faiths and beliefs in this Body. And I want to respect that and I do respect that. But what I would hope we could do is not make this issue a political football over the next 5, 10 or 15 years. 'Cause I want to be able to say to Reynolds, there's hope for you in the future. And I want to say to that person in a wheelchair with a spinal cord injury and



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Parkinson, there is hope for you, there's an opportunity that your life can be better down the road. And government can do that and that's what we can do. That's all that... that Reynolds and her brothers and sisters in the world would ask. I would ask you on this issue, again I respect where you are, to take some time on understanding this issue. It's controversial, it's difficult. You have to work with your God and with your per... your own conscience, I understand that. But don't do what we often do in this Body is quickly say, 'Oh, I'm for this or I'm for that 'cause I wanna to be... I wanna be labeled a certain way.' It's not that easy. Spend some time to understand it. And I realize that as a Republican I'm somewhat in the minority on this issue and I understand that again. And I may have to work a little harder with my colleagues. I would ask you to look... and I'm... I'm almost done, Mr. Speaker, and to consider Orrin Hatch. In our day of labeling in the political process, certainly not considered a social moderate or liberal in the world of Republican politics. A very staunch, pro-life Senator who says, and very supportive of stem cell research, 'There is no greater way to promote life', says Orrin Hatch, 'than to find a way to defeat death.' So, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you all for indulging me on this issue and all the others. It is a tough issue, as all the issues are that we face. It is a great day, enjoy today, celebrate it. We've got a lot of work to do over the next few months and I pledge on our side that we will work with you on the other side as we tackle these issues. And, again, Mr. Speaker, congratulations on your reelection today. Thank you."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Cross, thank you very, very much for your remarks, especially the last section of your remarks concerning stem cell research and without any deals you've got my support on the Bill. Let me thank Justice Alan Greiman of the Appellate Court for, once again, administering the oath of office to all of us as Members of the House and to me, individually, as the Speaker of the House. Some of you may not know that Alan was a distinguished Member of the House for several years where he compiled an excellent record as a Legislator and as a public official in the State of Illinois. Let me thank Secretary of State Jesse White for, once again, conducting our proceedings today, another former Member of the House of Representatives. The Madigan family is split today because most of you know our daughter, Lisa, is expecting a child. She's now two days delayed and so she thought she oughta stay close to a hospital. Her mother and my wife, Shirley, decided that she should stay close to Lisa and so, they're both up in Chicago. Most of you know Shirley, you know that if she were here she would wanna send her love to all of you and so, let me offer myself as a very inadequate replacement for Shirley Madigan, the woman that I love so very, very much and the woman who makes it all possible for the Madigan family. Another daughter, Tiffany, is in Washington, D.C., where she is a student at the Georgetown Law School. Fortunately, there were two Madigans here today. My daughter, Nicole, who's a law student at Northwestern and my son, Andrew, who's a freshman student at Northwestern. Please bear with me because there are many introductions

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that I would like to do and I'll move through them as quickly as possible. First, we're very honored to have with us members of the Illinois Supreme Court. First, the Chief Justice, Mary Ann McMorrow, Justice Bob Thomas, Justice Tom Fitzgerald and Justice Tom Kilbride. We have some former Members of the House. First, former Member of the House and now Appellate Court Justice Mary Kay O'Brien. You should have stayed here. I tried to tell ya that. Next, a former Representative Gene Moore and now recorder of deeds in Cook County, Gene Moore. Former Member Joe Berrios and now member of the Board of Review in Cook County, Joe Berrios. Former Member and now Alderman Todd Stroger. From the State Board of Education, we have the superintendent Randy Dunn and the chair of the board, Jesse Ruiz. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Dorothy Brown. We have several aldermen from Chicago. And you know I come from Chicago, so we're gonna recognize their presence. Let me just read the names and then we'll offer applause at the very end. The following aldermen are here: Carrie Austin, Tony Beale, Walter Burnett, Ike Carothers, Rey Colon, Manny Flores, Leslie Hairston, Marge Laurino, Billy Ocasio, Toni Preckwinkle, Ariel Reboyras, Danny Solis, Ray Suarez. Welcome them all. Let... let me add that Marge Laurino is accompanied by her brother, former Representative Bill Laurino, Bill Laurino. Many of you probably noticed on our program for today that we have an image of the Lincoln Library here in Springfield. And for those of you who don't come to Springfield that often, let me tell you this is the city of Abraham Lincoln. There are many Lincoln memorials

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and buildings in the city and of course, we're very pleased because Abraham Lincoln served as a Member of the House of Representatives at one time. He served as the Minority Leader. He was elected to the House as a Member of the Whig Party. And he was successful in terms of doing a big legislative deal because he moved the Capitol from southern Illinois up here to Springfield, which launched Springfield on its path to greatness. So we're very pleased that we have this memory and this connection with Mr. Lincoln. And of course, what we will try to do is to use his record in office to guide us in all of the decisions we make here in the House which will be very difficult to do. In preparing my remarks for today, I went back to my remarks of 2 years ago on this day in 2003. And in those remarks I spoke about four topics: (1) I expressed my pledge to bring cooperation and coalition building to the work that we do here. (2) I spoke to the difficulty of budget making that we would expect in that particular year. (3) I talked about the affordability of prescription drugs and then lastly, I talked about the constitutional role of the Legislature. I'm very pleased to tell you that we have had excellent cooperation right here in the House of Representatives. In 2003, when I spoke about cooperation I put emphasis upon my plan to appoint Members of the Republican Party as chairs of committees here in the House. I did that in the last term. I plan to continue to do that in this term which we are now beginning today. In terms of coalition building, I really didn't dream that the coalition building would reach the degree that we reached in the last year. But that was good.

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In the area of cooperation, cooperation with the Governor's Office, why we're still working on that. Right everybody? Budget making was very difficult, especially last year and will be difficult this year and I will speak to that very shortly. On affordability of prescription drugs, I had forgotten about that section of the remarks from 2 years ago. And so, when I read it the other night, I chuckled thinking how Governor Blagojevich had hijacked my issue and taken it national. But he's welcome to the issue. And concerning the role of the Legislature, I will speak to that, again, very shortly. Last year, 2004, provided us with clearly the longest, most protracted budget Session in the history of the Illinois Legislature. Most of us were here. We experienced it. We know how difficult it was. Hopefully, it better prepared us for this year and next year and for the remainder of this Session. Many Members of the House have said and said it publicly, that they thought that the budget-making process that we engaged in last year was clearly the best budget-making process that they had every seen here in the Illinois Legislature. It took a long, long time. It was extremely difficult. But at the end of the day every Member of the Legislature, especially those who are intimately involved in budget making, who spend a great deal of their time at budget making felt that we had really done an excellent job in terms of how we crafted that particular budget. And I think that that experience of last year helped to establish parameters for the ongoing relationship between the executive department and the Legislature. I'm not one in politics and government to seek

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out confrontation or to seek out confrontation with Members of my own party and I don't plan to do that. I plan to continue on a path of cooperation, but at the same time as the Speaker of the House, as a person who has now given 34 years of service to the House of Representatives, I am a staunch defender and advocate of the role of the Legislature in Illinois government and I plan to continue that. Hopefully, we can draw upon the budget-making experience of last year, do it better this year. However, it will not be easy. I would estimate today that going forward in the current budget there are approximately \$570 million of one-time revenue in the current budget. And that the current budget contains mandated spending pressures for the next budget of \$1.5 billion. So that as we go forward, we are looking at a problem of \$2.1 billion. Said differently, starting with the current budget, planning for the next, just to stay even in terms of the provision of services, we need to find \$2.1 billion. That'll require difficult decision making. It will require all of us to tell some people 'no'. That'll be one of the requirements that'll be put upon us. In light of the gravity of this situation, I plan to provide for regional bipartisan summits all across the state to bring budget making closer to the people of the State of Illinois. Let me state immediately, the purpose of these summits is not to promote tax increases, not to promote tax increases. We estimate that they will begin within the next few weeks. And we've established goals for the summits: (1) We would want to educate the public concerning revenue sources of the state, where the state

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spends its money. For example, education, Medicaid, debt services, how revenue receipts and expenditures have changed over time. (2) We want to provide an opportunity for all Illinoisans, not just the Illinoisans that come here to Springfield, but all Illinoisans to suggest how government services can be provided more efficiency.. more efficiently at reduced cost. (3) We want to allow individuals who have been impacted negatively by state budget cuts to share their stories about losing jobs or how the closure of state facilities has affected them. And then lastly, we want to allow employers and businesses an opportunity to testify about the impact of past and proposed tax and fee increases. As I said and as shown by that budget shortfall, \$2.1 billion, we will have another difficult budget making in 2005. My view is to the best of our ability let's bring this process to the people and ask the people to participate with us in our decision making. It's not decision making that's always going to provide a 'yes' answer. It's not decision making that's always going to provide the expenditure of more money. It's the type of decision making that voters expected us to do when they elected us to the Illinois House of Representatives. It's decision making where we are called upon to make tough choices. And I know all of us, based upon what we went through last year, recognize that we are prepared to make those tough choices. And so again, let me thank you for your vote of confidence in my role as your Speaker. And I just used the plural adjective because I'm not the Speaker for the Democrats, only. I'm the Speaker for the Democrats and the

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Republicans. And that's how I've conducted this office over several terms and that's my pledge again. We're all equal, some Democrats, some Republicans, so what. The problems are such that we should forget about partisan differences. We will have partisan differences. We had some yesterday. But that's part of being a lawmaker. However, people of the state require and deserve we put a lot of that aside, acknowledge the serious problems that face this state and get about the business of getting our work done, so that the State of Illinois will be better able to service the citizens of this state going forward. The next order of business will be the election of the Chief Clerk. And the Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to suspend the appropriate House Rules in order to give immediate consideration to the adoption of House Resolutions 1, 2, and 3."

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

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

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

Provisional Clerk Mahoney: "HR0001



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BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the following Officers are hereby elected for the term of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly:

Mark Mahoney: as Chief Clerk of the House

Bradley S. Bolin: as Assistant Clerk of the House

Lee A. Crawford: as Doorkeeper of the House"

Speaker Madigan: "On the Resolution, the Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I renew m... renew my Motion to adopt House Resolution 1."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady has moved the adoption of House Resolution 1. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all those opposed by saying 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to House Resolution 1, the Chair declares Mark Mahoney elected as the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives for the 94th General Assembly. Brad Bolin is declared elected as the Assistant Clerk for the House for the 94th General Assembly. Lee Crawford is declared elected as the Doorkeeper of the House for the 94th General Assembly. The Chair would ask, do these Gentlemen accept the offices to which they have been elected? The Chair notes that they're all nodding 'yes'. The Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. House Resolution 2 directs the Clerk to inform the Senate that the House is organized. I move its adoption."

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

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move the adoption of House Resolution 3. This appoints a committee to attend the Governor to let him know that we are organized and to await any communication he may wish to send our way."

Speaker Madigan: "Did you want to specify the method of communication?"

Currie: "I think the committee will let us know."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady has moved the adoption of the Resolution. This is another traditional ceremonial procedure. Without objection we can take both Motions on one vote. All in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. Pursuant to House Resolution 3, I appoint the following committee to wait upon the Governor. The following Representatives: Suzie Bassie, John Bradley, Kevin Joyce, Robin Kelly, Jim Meyer, Elaine Nekritz, Sandra Pihos, Robert Pritchard, Cynthia Soto. Jus... just stay in your seats. The Chair recognizes Mr. Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to announce our leadership team at this time. If... if that's agreeable to you. Before I do that, if I could acknowledge the other... minority leader of the Chicago City Council, who I think is here. Is around, Brian Doherty, Alderman Doherty. I don't know if he's still out here, but he's here I think. The...

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the only Republican, I think. Our... serving as our two Deputy Leaders will be Bill Black and Brent Hassert. So, thank you to... for their leadership. Assistant Republican Leader is Pat Lindner. Pat, thank you. Our budget negotiator who will have a tough spring, Mark Beaubien. Mark, thank you. Tim Schmitz, Tim, thank you for your work. Ron Stephens, Ron, we thank you. Eileen Lyons, Eileen, I... thank you for your work. And Dave Winters, David, thank you. And serving as our caucus chairman will be Dan Brady. Dan... and Mr. Speaker, also we have... under our House... under our rules of our caucus have created a policy committee and that will be chaired by Carolyn Krause. Carolyn, thank you for your leadership there. And our... we've also created a Deputy Budgeteer of Human Services position and that will be headed up by Rosemary Mulligan. So, Rosemary, thank you. And our HOR... our HRO spot will be... continued to be headed up by Skip Saviano. So Skip, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "The following Democratic Members will be appointed to the House Democratic Leadership: Majority Leader Barbara Currie, Deputy Majority Leader Art Turner, Deputy Majority Leader Gary Hannig, Assistant Majority Leader Kurt Granberg, Assistant Majority Leader Lou Jones, Assistant Majority Leader Lou Lang, Assistant Majority Leader Ed Acevedo, Assistant Majority Leader Wyvetter Younge, Assistant Majority Leader Jack McGuire. The position of Majority Conference Chair will be announced tomorrow at a House Democratic Caucus at 10 a.m. Mr. Mapes, are we ready for the benediction? Thank you. Will the

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Members please... please stand for the Benediction? We have with us the Reverend Jacquie Hood Martin of Chicago. Reverend Martin."

Reverend Martin: "Almighty God, Jehovah, Yahweh, in whatever capacity we communicate with You as individuals, we come at this moment to call on You collectively. Abba, Father, sovereign Lord, thank You for another day to use our giftedness, our academic prowess, our political savvy to make positive change in the communities we represent. Give us favor this 94th General Assembly Session. Help us to speak for the voiceless, to be a presence for the invisible, to be exacters of justice and advocates for those in need. While we are doing the business of government, keep us humble, keep us credible, keep us reputable, not only this day but all the days to come, to continue to provide Your traveling grace and mercy as we go from city to city meeting with our constituents. Protect us from scandal. Protect our families from harmful words and deeds. Protect us from ourselves and each other, always allowing our diversity to work with us and not against us. Sovereign Lord, it is with pride and gratitude that we stand today ready to work. It is in Your name to pray. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We are prepared to adjourn. Let me remind the Democrats of what I just said. House Democratic Caucus tomorrow morning, 10 a.m. in Room 114. The Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allowing Perfunctory time for the Clerk, I move the House now stand adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 13 at the hour of 11 a.m."

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Speaker Madigan: "Allowing Perfunctory time for the introduction of Bills. The Motion is that the House will stand adjourned until Thursday, January 13 at 11 a.m. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all those opposed by saying 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. The House stands in Perfunctory Session and will convene tomorrow at 11 a.m. Thank you one and all."

Clerk Mahoney: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. The following Bills were introduced, read by title a first time, order printed and placed in the Committee on the Rules. House Bill 1, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning alcoholic liquor. House Bill 2, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 3, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning fighters. House Bill 4, introduced by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 5, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning urban development. House Bill 6, a Bill... Bill offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 7, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 8, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 9, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 10, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 11, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 12, offered by

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Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 13, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming... gambling. House Bill 14, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 15, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 16, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning education... elections. House Bill 17, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 18, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 19, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 20, offered by Representative Bassi, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 21, intro... offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 22, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 23, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 24, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 25, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning counties. House Bill 26, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 27, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 28, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act in relation to career offenders. House Bill 29, offered Representative Jerry Mitchell, a Bill for an Act in

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relation to criminal law. House Bill 30, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 31, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 32, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning farm products. House Bill 33, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 34, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 35, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 36, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning fire protection. House Bill 37, a Bill offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning land. House Bill 38, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 39, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 40, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 41, offered by Representative Schmitz, a bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 42, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 43, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 44, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 45, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act in relation to human rights. House Bill 46, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill

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47, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning recreational trails. House Bill 48, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 49, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning Crime Stoppers Programs. House Bill 50, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 51, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 52, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 53, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 54, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning civil immunity. House Bill 55, offered by Representative Dunn, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 56, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 57, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to bingo games. House Bill 58, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act regarding education. House Bill 59, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 60, a Bill offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 61, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning tax collection. House Bill 62, intru... offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act creating a committee to study the problems and organic laws pertaining to local government. House Bill 63, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 64, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an



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Act concerning economic development. House Bill 65, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 66, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 67, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 68, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 69, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 70, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 71, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 72, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 73, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 74, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 75, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 76, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 77, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 78, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 79, a Bi... offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 80, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 81, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 82, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 83, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning civil

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law. House Bill 84, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 85, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 86, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 87, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 88, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 89, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 80 (sic-90), offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 91, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 92, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 93, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 94, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 95, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 96, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 97, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 98, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 99, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 100, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 101, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House

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Bill 102, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 103, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 104, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 105, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 106, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 107, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 108, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to control of terrorist fundraising. House Bill 109, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 110, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 111, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 112, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 113, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning voter's guides. House Bill 114, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning elections."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 115, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 116, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 117, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 118, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 119, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning State

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employees group insurance. House Bill 120, offered by Representative Mitchell, Bill, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 121, offered by Representative Mitchell, Bill, a Bill for an Act in relation to sex offenders. House Bill 122, offered by Representative Mitchell, Bill, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 123, offered by Representative Mitchell, Bill, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 124, offered by Representative Mitchell, Bill, a Bill for an Act concerning compensation. House Bill 125, offered by Representative Mitchell, Bill, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 126, offered by Representative Mitchell, Bill, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 127, offered by Representative Mitchell, Bill, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 128, offered by Representative Munson, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 129, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 130, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 131, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 132, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 133, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 134, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 135, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill

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136, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 137, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 138, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 139, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 140, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 141, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 142, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 143, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 144, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning State historic sites. House Bill 145, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 146, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 147, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 148, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning pensions. House Bill 149, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 150, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 151, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 152, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 153, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning State

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Government. House Bill 154, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 155, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 156, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 157, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 158, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 159, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 160, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 161, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. House Bill 162, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 163, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 164, offered by Representative Davis, Monique, a Bill for an Act regarding education. House Bill 165, offered by Representative Davis, Monique, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 166, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning right to counsel. House Bill 167, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 168, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to firearms. House Bill 169, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 170, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning State

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Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 189, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. First Reading of these House Bills. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1, offered by Representative Washington.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Section 9 to Article XIII of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE XIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 9. SAME SEX MARRIAGE

Only marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized in Illinois.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been a First Reading of the House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #2, offered by Representative Froehlich.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the



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general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 1. LEGISLATURE - POWER AND STRUCTURE

The legislative power is vested in a General Assembly consisting of a Senate and a House of Representatives, elected by the electors from 59 Legislative Districts and 39 Representative Districts.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

(a) One Senator shall be elected from each Legislative District. Immediately following each decennial redistricting, the General Assembly by law shall divide the Legislative Districts as equally as possible into three groups. Senators from one group shall be elected for terms of four years, four years and two years; Senators from the second group, for terms of four years, two years and four years; and Senators from the third group, for terms of two years, four years and four years. The Legislative Districts in each group shall be distributed substantially equally over the State.

(b) In 2008 and every two years thereafter, three Representatives shall be elected from each Representative District for a term of two years. No political party shall limit its nominations to less than three candidates for Representatives in any Representative District. In elections for Representatives, including those for nomination, each

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elector may cast three votes for one candidate or distribute them equally among no more than three candidates. The candidates highest in votes shall be declared elected.

(c) To be eligible to serve as a member of the General Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 21 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or appointment a resident of the district which he is to represent. In the general election following a redistricting, a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any district which contains a part of the district in which he resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a resident of the new district he represents for 18 months prior to reelection.

(d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in a Senatorial office with more than twenty-eight months remaining in the term, the appointed Senator shall serve until the next general election, at which time a Senator shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy is in a Representative office or in any other Senatorial office, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term. An appointee to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the person he succeeds.

(e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive compensation as a public officer or employee from any other governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance as a member of the General Assembly. No member of the General Assembly during the term for which he was

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elected or appointed shall be appointed to a public office which shall have been created or the compensation for which shall have been increased by the General Assembly during that term.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

(a) Legislative Districts shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population. Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population.

(b) In 2007, the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the Representative Districts using the 2000 Federal decennial census. Thereafter, in the year following each Federal decennial census year, the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts. If no redistricting plan becomes effective by June 30 of that year, a Legislative Redistricting Commission shall be constituted not later than July 10. The Commission shall consist of eight members, no more than four of whom shall be members of the same political party. The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint to the Commission one Representative and one person who is not a member of the General Assembly. The President and Minority Leader of the Senate shall each appoint to the Commission one Senator and one person who is not a member of the General Assembly. The members shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled within five days by the authority that made the original appointment. A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be chosen by

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a majority of all members of the Commission. Not later than August 10, the Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at least five members. If the Commission fails to file an approved redistricting plan, the Supreme Court shall submit the names of two persons, not of the same political party, to the Secretary of State not later than September 1. Not later than September 5, the Secretary of State publicly shall draw by random selection the name of one of the two persons to serve as the ninth member of the Commission. Not later than October 5, the Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at least five members. An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State. The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People of the State by the Attorney General.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to the election of Representatives in 2008 and thereafter. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #2."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #3, offered by Representative Bellock.

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WHEREAS, The Ninety-second Congress of the United States of America, at its Second Session, in both houses, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds, adopted the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States of America:

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED (TWO-THIRDS OF EACH HOUSE CONCURRING THEREIN), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

Section 1. Equality of rights under law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article.

Section 3. This Amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.; and

WHEREAS, A Joint Resolution is a resolution adopted by both houses of the General Assembly and does not require the signature of the Governor; a Joint Resolution is sufficient for Illinois' ratification of an amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress has recently adopted the 27th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the so-called Madison Amendment, relating to Compensation of Members of Congress; this amendment was proposed 203 years

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earlier by our First Congress and only recently ratified by three-fourths of the States; the United States Archivist certified the 27th Amendment on May 18, 1992; and

WHEREAS, The founders of our nation, James Madison included, did not favor further restrictions to Article IV of the Constitution of the United States, the amending procedure; the United States Constitution is harder to amend than any other constitution in history; and

WHEREAS, The restricting time limit for the Equal Rights Amendment ratification is in the resolving clause and is not a part of the amendment proposed by Congress and already ratified by 35 states; and

WHEREAS, Having passed a time extension for the Equal Rights Amendment on October 20, 1978, Congress has demonstrated that a time limit in a resolving clause can be disregarded if it is not a part of the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court in *Coleman v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 433, at 456 (1939), recognized that Congress is in a unique position to judge the tenor of the nation, to be aware of the political, social, and economic factors affecting the nation, and to be aware of the importance to the nation of the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, If an amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been proposed by two-thirds of both houses of Congress and ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures, it is for Congress under the principles of *Coleman v. Miller* to determine the validity of the state ratifications occurring after a time limit in the resolving clause, but not in the amendment itself; and

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WHEREAS, Constitutional equality for women and men continues to be timely in the United States and worldwide, and a number of other nations have achieved constitutional equality for their women and men; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America set forth in this resolution is ratified; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Archivist of the United States, the Administrator of General Services of the United States, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."