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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order and the Members shall be in their chairs. We ask the Members and our guests in the gallery to turn off laptop computers, cell phones and pagers. And we ask our guests in the gallery to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by the Reverend William Glisson of the Progressive Baptist Church in Aurora, Illinois. Reverend Glisson in the guest of Representative Chapa LaVia."

Reverend Glisson: "With eyes closed and lowered... lowered heads, let us go to the Lord in prayer. Dearest Jesus, our eyes are cast unto the hills and rest upon the image of You the great everlasting source of strength for us who are eternally weak. Lord God, we thank You for the promise that You made that where two or more gathered that You're right there in our midst. We thank You for that reality. We feel Your presence. Lord God, as we reflect upon You laying on the cross and how You converted that secular space into a sacred one, I ask on behalf of these Representatives that they do in their own limited fashion, convert this august Body into a sacred one so their duty will be done as they've been ordained to do and as they've been entrusted to do. Lord God, I lift these Representatives, these very few men and women, these humble servants who represent so many for Your consideration. Instill in them and grant them the wisdom and the courage to apply and exercise principle in the politics of self-interest. And as they go about their duty of performing

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their office functions, let them remember that their act is to maximize the good for the greatest number of people, that as warriors on the battlefield of truth let them forever be mindful that victory comes at a cost, that you simply cannot have victory unless you're willing to give something up. Lord God, if there's anything that separates them other than the aisles, let them forgive one another and let them communicate in such a fashion that they will give new meaning to corporative understanding. Instill in them a... a desire to come to the aid of an ailing humanity. And Lord God, we pray for their families, those who are not here while they do their job, grant them health each and every one of the Members. Grant them security and peace and good fortune. Love each and every one of these Representatives, Lord God, and they will indeed be loved. Teach them and they will indeed be taught. Embrace them and they shall indeed be embraced. We pray this in Your blessed, blessed name. And let this humble Body together say amen, amen, amen."

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

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

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

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that there are no excused absences among House Democrats today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Mr... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Parke and Stephens are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 116 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Access, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 01, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2451; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 176, House Bill 252 and House Bill 399. Representative Yarbrough, Chairperson from the Committee on Housing & Urban Development, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 01, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 45. Representative Colvin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 01, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2594, and House Bill 2596; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 873. Representative Boland, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions, to which the

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following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 01, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 947, and House Bill 2404; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 1301. Representative Mautino, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 01, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 1596. Representative Jefferson, Chairperson from the Committee on Elections & Campaign Reform, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 01, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2416. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation & Motor Vehicles, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 01, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2444, House Bill 2510; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 986 and House Bill 2507. Representative Granberg, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 01, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 182 and House Bill 2521; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 916. Representative Collins, Chairperson from the Committee on Public

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Utilities, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 01, 2005, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 466."

Speaker Madigan: "All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, we need all of the Members in their seats. Mr. Biggins. And we need the staff to retire to the rear of the chamber. Again, if everyone could take their seat. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're very honored today to have the Consul General from Canada posted to the Midwest and in particular to the City of Chicago. So, I'm sure we're all familiar with the history between the United States and Canada. Ninety-nine percent of the time it's been a very cordial relationship, both culturally and in terms of trade. And so, we're very pleased to welcome today Anne Charles, Consul General from Canada, to the United States."

Anne Charles: "Speaker Madigan, Members of the Illinois House of Representatives. It is an honor for a Canadian representative to receive the privilege of addressing the House of Representatives, particularly so early in the new two-year Session of your state Assembly. Thank you, Speaker Madigan, Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, and Minority Leader Tom Cross for this unique distinction. In speaking with you today I am reminded of what that great Illinois statesman, Abraham Lincoln, said to an audience in February 1861. 'I have stepped out upon this platform that I may see you and that you may see me. And in that arrangement, I have the best of the bargain.' Canada and

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Illinois share a rich and colorful history. From the French-Canadian explorers Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet to the Illinois railway men. The Canadian Pacific Railways, Van Horne, of Chelsea, Illinois and the Grand Trunk Railways, Charles Hays, of Rock Island, Illinois, who came to Canada to help to build our great transcontinental railways to our common immigrants settlements. I am constantly amazed at the number of old Illinois families I meet who tell me that their great grandparents came first to Canada and then to Illinois in the late 1800s. And to the St. Lawrence Seaway which since its opening in 1958 has bound your great manufacturing metropolis of Chicago to the Atlantic. Canada-U.S. relations operate on many levels. Integral to our overall bilateral relationship is the role of State Governments. This is particularly true in the case of Illinois, as exemplified by the happy coincidence that the Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting will be hosted this year by the Canadian Province, Saskatchewan and next year by Illinois. I salute Illinois Senator Donne E. Trotter and his colleagues in this Legislator for their work in providing leadership to the Midwestern Legislative Conference. Tomorrow, Canadians want to be part of Illinois's basketball prowess. If I can't personally witness tomorrow's clash between the undefeated Illini and the Purdue Boilermakers, may the Illini soar. Yea Illini. And in Canada there is hockey and one of your young men is is... is making sporting history, Gerald Coleman of Romeoville is goalieo... goalie

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for the London Knights of the Ontario Hockey League whose record stands at 50 victories this year. Canada and the United States share a unique and vital relationship that is not only derived from social and cultural similarities but also from the nature of highly intertwined economies. The importance of this relationship cannot be overstated for both partners. In 2004, Canada was Illinois's leading export market. Your state sent 32 percent of its foreign-bound exports, a total of \$9.5 billion to Canada. Among the United States... States, Illinois has the 5th largest trading relationship with Canada and we should be able to do more. Our total two-way trade is worth in excess of \$28 billion annually. In a recent study commissioned by our embassy, Canada-U.S. trade supported 230 thousand... 37 thousand jobs in Illinois. And in 19... in 2003 over 643 thousand Canadians visited Illinois and spent over a hundred and twenty-one million dollars enjoying this wonderful state. Today I have brought with me a delegation of energy experts to meet informally this afternoon with the Energy & Environment Committee of the House of Representatives in Room 118 of this building. And I would like to thank Chairman Thomas Holbrook for making this opportunity possible. I think what always surprises Americans is when I remind them that Canada is your major supplier of energy. We supply 17 percent of all petroleum imports into the United States, that's more than Saudi and Venezuela. We supply 85 percent of your natural gas imports, 35 percent of your uranium and a 100 percent of

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your electricity. Last year in Illinois, the demand for... for Canadian energy and for oil and gas was \$8.7 billion and nearly half of the automotive fuel sold in the Chicago area comes from Canada. Our common interests cross many fronts from the highly technological to the natural, for we both claim shorelines to the largest basin of fresh water in the world. With 20 percent of the world's fresh water flowing through the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence system, Canada and the United States share an extraordinary resource as well as the responsibly to protect and manage the lakes for the benefit of generations to come. And both countries have risen to the challenge through such historic and precedent-setting agreements as the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 and the 1972 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. As great as the challenge before us, the response of our two countries to these challenges has also been great. Our geography, cooperative spirit, and shared ideas have resulted in agreements across many sectors inspired by actions taken at the state level. As an example, considerable work on the new Great Lakes Annex is now being carried out by Illinois and the provinces of Ontario and Quebec within the context of the Great Lakes Governors Association. I would also be remiss if I did not salute the role played by the State of Illinois in the construction of the new permanent electronic barrier on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal at Romeoville to prevent invasive species such as the Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes. Canada and Illinois have a long history of

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friendship, close linkages, and shared interests. As you embark on your two-year Session allow me to wish you every success in your deliberations. We look to Illinois's leadership in the region and nationally to strengthening our economic prosperity, our stewardship over shared natural resources and our vibrant and ever-growing partnership. In closing, I recall the wise words of President Lincoln, 'The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think a new, and act in you. Thank you very much.'

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hannig in the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. What's the agenda? Representative Holbrook, for what reason do you rise?"

Holbrook: "A purpose of an announcement. The very gracious Canadian Con... Consul General, Anne Charles is also hosting a reception at Maldaner's tonight from 5:30 to 7:00. All Members should have received an invitation last week if you'd like to come and join with them. And they'll be glad to tell you of many of the businesses in your area that deal with Canada directly. Come on by. They'd like to share a very quiet social moment with you. And also, anyone that would like to attend the Environment & Energy Committee today, they're going to lead off with about a 15-minute presentation on the energy programs they're dealing with with the State of Illinois. Everyone in the chamber,

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if you're not in another committee, is more than welcome to come and attend that also. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Jefferson, for what reason do you rise?"

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table House Bill 2565."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. The Gentleman moves to table House Bill 2565. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Rep... and the Bill is tabled. Representative Feigenholtz, for what reason do you rise?"

Feigenholtz: "For purposes of an announcement. The House Human Services Appropriations Committee that meets tomorrow scheduled at 8:00 will meet at 9 a.m. Not at 8, 9 a.m."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Kelly, for what reason do you rise?"

Kelly: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Kelly: "A few weeks ago I talked about the historically black fraternities and sororities when I gave my Black History Month presentation. And at this time, I'd like the House to welcome my sorority who's here for the first time as a group, Sigma Gamma Rho. So let's please welcome them."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Will Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table House Bill 1508."

Speaker Hannig: "And you're the principal Sponsor?"

Davis, W.: "Yes, I am."

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Speaker Hannig: "Okay. The Gentleman moves to table House Bill 1508. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Bill's tabled. Representative Dunkin, for what reason do you rise?"

Dunkin: "For a point of announcement. Today's Tourism & Convention Meeting will be canceled. We will meet next Wednesday, 2:00, March 9. It's canceled today. So sorry. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative... Representative Franks, for what reason do you rise?"

Franks: "A Motion to suspend the posting requirements for State Government Administration today. And I vote... a list... the House Bills listed in the Calendar. And if I can I'll read them: House Bills 14, 19, 52, 116, 124, 144, 152, 201, 205, 209, 226, 234, 235, 352, 476, 483, 491, 567, 638, 670, 711, 769, 1016, 1053, 1064, 1073, 1093, 1097, 1146, 1363, 1364, 1371, 1380, 1446, 1457, 2349, 2359, 2377, 2388, 2396, 2436, 2445, 2455, 2484, 2487, 2489, 2517, 2528, 2533, 2536, 2538, 2554, 2596, 2689, 2693, 2708 and 3417."

Speaker Hannig: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion to suspend the posting rules. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Gentleman's Motion prevails. Representative Bailey, for what reason do you rise?"

Bailey: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd like to table House Bill 1446."

Speaker Hannig: "And You're the Chief Sponsor?"

Bailey: "Yes, Sir."

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Speaker Hannig: "Okay. The Lady moves to table House Bill 1446. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. Bill's tabled. Representative Froehlich, for what reason do you rise?"

Froehlich: "Thank you. I'd like to table House Bill 22 and I am the Chief Sponsor."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. The Gentleman moves to table House Bill 22. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Bill is tabled. Representative Mathias, for what reason do you rise?"

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move to table House Bill 346. I am the Chief Sponsor and I filed a written Motion."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, the Gentleman moves to table House Bill 346. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Bill is tabled. And Representative Delgado, for what reason do you rise?"

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I put in a slip to table House Bill 202."

Speaker Hannig: "And you're the Chief Sponsor?"

Delgado: "Yes, Sir, I am."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. The Gentleman moves to table House Bill 202. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Bill's tabled. Representative Graham, for what reason do you rise?"

Graham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table House Bill 525."

Speaker Hannig: "And you're the Chief Sponsor?"

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Graham: "Yes, I am."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, the Lady moves to table House Bill 525. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Bill is tabled. Representative Soto."

Soto: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to table... Oh, I'm sorry. I lost my Bill, House Bill 719. And..."

Speaker Hannig: "And you're the Chief... are you the Chief Sponsor, Representative?"

Soto: "Yes, I am."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. The Lady moves to table House Bill 1709, is that correct?"

Soto: "719."

Speaker Hannig: "719."

Soto: "0719."

Speaker Hannig: "719, okay. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Bill is tabled. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 2467."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 2467, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill... Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Okay. Now on... on page 13 of Calendar, under the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we're gonna start with House Bill 527. Representative Giles, are you ready for that Bill to be read? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 527, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Giles."

Giles: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 527, is a cleanup Bill, in which it would do is eliminate the provision that prohibits an inmate who is assigned to a mental health unit from receiving an additional good conduct credit for being engaged in full-time substance abuse program, or correctional industry assignment, or educational program provided by the Department of Corrections. This legislation what it currently does is that it exclude... currently the code exclude inmates who are patients in the mental health unit from receiving the enhanced good conduct credit. As you recall, years back I... I've always introduced legislation making sure that inmates before they got their good conduct credit that they go through a tr... alcohol or drug rehab program. And so, what this legislation does is correct a wrong to right and that individuals in the mental health unit they will be able to receive the enhance good conduct credit for their full participations in programs us and... and some of the educational programs. Now, this legislation also has a caveat to it and that is that there's a potential savings over a... a potential net savings over some years. If an individual is... spends less time in the facility, and when I have an example about 13 inmates that is admitted per year they will spend about 2.9 fewer hours or months in prisons then that will have a reduction in the prison population, which will save in operating costs up to \$600 thousand and...

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in construction costs up to... close to \$200 thousand, which would be a net savings to the State of Illinois and to the Department of Corrections of about \$793 thousand over a 10-year span. So, this partic... this particular legislation has a potential net saving... cost saving added to it. And Mr. Speaker and I ask for its passage."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 527. This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in opposition? Representative Black, in response."

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

Speaker Hannig: "The Sponsor will yield."

Black: "Will the Sponsor yield? Thank you very much. I don't stand in opposition of the Bill, at least I don't think so. But let me ask you a question, Representative. The inmates assigned to the mental health unit, do they go into this unit voluntarily or they... are they placed there under order of a court?"

Giles: "Representative, most the time these individuals are placed un... under the court ruling."

Black: "I think that presents a dilemma. If the court directly places them in a mental health unit, they think that something is inherently wrong with the inmate after the hearing or the... or the court proceedings and they sentence them for an indeterminate period to a mental health unit, as you well know one of the defenses used in a... can be used in murder is mental illness, mental incompetence. Now if... if such a person is sentenced after their court hearing to

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incarceration in a mental health facility in the Department of Corrections then I... I'm not sure how the judge reconciles his or her sentence with a day-for-day good time."

Giles: "Well, Representative, ya know, oftentimes these ind... as you just stated, these individuals they... they come into the facility and they are checked out. They're... there's an investigation done. There's a screening done on these individuals, even though the courts may have deemed and placed them to go to a mental health agency of the Department of Correction. But these individuals go to the facility and they are placed in that unit. Now, oftentimes and... and for whatever reason these individual are deemed to be mentally ill or in some cases they are. But, what we're trying to do is to make sure that these individuals do not get discriminated against, do not a... allow a right that all other inmates would have to be able to participate in a good conduct credit program."

Black: "But how would this work in the provision where somebody is sentenced to a mental health unit until the judge deems they may be fit to stand trial. Now, they... they may be in there for six months, the report comes back that they... they've made progress and now they can stand trial for the original charge. I guess what I'm getting at is that I don't want somebody sentenced to a mental health unit for evaluation and observation to be discharged before the judge makes a final determinate ruling in their case. Because many people are sentenced to a mental health unit

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for an indeterminate period of time until the professionals feel that the... the defendant is now able to stand trial and understands the charges that he or she faces."

Giles: "Representative, I understand. But I think the individual... we... we would not have an individual discharged under those circumstances. These individuals would... would have progressed to the point where they would be part of a substance abuse program or educational program. So, these individuals we're talking about are the individuals who have come along the way, who are now in a correctional industry assignment, who's in a... who's... who has progressed to the point in which they can begin to get back to some normalcy."

Black: "And I, ya know, I... I really don't have a problem with what the Bill's attempting to do. I think I have a problem with where the Bill is silent. And if you would give me some assurance that you'll have the Senate Sponsor look at this, I don't have any problem if the person is sentenced to 5 years for a crime and they're put into a mental health unit because the judge or the jury thought they needed treatment. And I don't have any problem with that day-for-day good time. But if a person is put into the mental health unit because of a very serious and... and horrible crime, murder, aggravated sexual assault, and the judge thinks that they would be better served by being in a mental health unit for a period, say from 10 to 30 years,

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then I'm not sure the day-for-day good time should be awarded."

Giles: "Representative, I understand your concern and I will have th... whoever the Senate Sponsor..."

Black: "Okay."

Giles: "...to take a look at that. But, that's not at the core of the genesis..."

Black: "No."

Giles: "...and the core of the Bill. And I understand your..."

Black: "Yeah."

Giles: "...concern and we will take a look at that..."

Black: "All right, fine."

Giles: "...because I wouldn't want someone who's..."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Could... Representative Black, would you bring your remarks to a close?"

Black: "Yeah."

Speaker Hannig: "We're running the timer today."

Black: "That's... that's fine. I think he's answered my question. I appreciate it."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, this Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Representative Giles, has presented the Bill. Representative Black has spoken in response. And now Representative Giles to close."

Giles: "Mr... thank you, Mr. Speaker. The answer to Representative Black's question is that it doesn't resp... it do not apply to those. It's not applicable to those individuals who have committed those heini... heinous crimes, first degree murders and other... type of offenses. So, I

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understand his concern. I totally agree with it. And I ask for a... a ur... a swift passage of this legislation is simply to clean up and to make sure that no one rights are violated."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 527 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Boland and Cultra, would you like to be recorded? Representative Boland? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 88 voting 'yes' and 27 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Howard, would you like us to read House Bill 611? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 611, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Howard: "Yes."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from cook, Representative Howard."

Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 611 provides for good conduct credit for adult inmates who complete GEDs while imprisoned. It provides for 60 additional days of good conduct credit. I will accept any questions from my colleagues."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 611. This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in opposition? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk. Representative Mitchell, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'yes' and 45 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Miller, for what reason do you rise?"

Miller: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Miller: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly, today it's my seatmate's birthday, Representative John Fritchey. Let's give him a round of applause. And there's cake in front for him."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black, would you like us to read House Bill 708? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 708, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 708 will amend the Illinois Vehicle Code to allow limited access of trucks on local roads up to the maximum amount of 80 thousand pounds. That is currently 73,280 pounds. This does not preempt Home Rule and it does not disallow local units of government, including townships, to post certain roads and bridges that are not acceptable for trucks of that weight. I'll be glad to answer any questions you have."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 708. This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone speak in response? Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Granberg: "Representative Black, just one quick question. Is this the Bill the Farm Bureau was endorsing for some of their members?"

Black: "Yes, Representative. This Bill has been a work in progress for 7 or 8 years. The Farm Bureau is certainly in full support. The Nurserymen's Associations in full support. All of the neighboring states have it. There are some issues. Let's be honest, there are some issues with county engineers and others. But I... I think it's a good Bill. I think its time has finally come."

Granberg: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Representative Black has moved for the passage of House Bill 708. And Representative Granberg has spoken in response. Representative Black is now recognized to close."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would appreciate your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Bost and Ryg? Would you... Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there

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are 113 voting 'yes' and 3 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Pritchard, for what reason do you rise?"

Pritchard: "Yes, for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Pritchard: "Members of the House, I would draw your attention to the balcony. I have with me today five students from northern Illinois who are interested in politics and government. They're seniors and looking for higher education. They're doing some job shadowing today. So, they're enjoying watching all of our activity in the House. I would ask them to stand."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Feigenholtz, are you prepared on House Bill 763? Sara, would you like us to read this Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 763, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you very much. House Bill 763, the analog drug Bill, amends the Criminal Code regarding controlled substances to make illegal not only to manufacturer, and deliver this controlled substance, analog, but also to possess... to possess it with intended use for human consumption. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

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Speaker Hannig: "This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Then the question is, 'Shall... excuse me, Representative Lindner in response.'"

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Lindner: "Yes. Would you explain this a little more thoroughly? I think people were a little mixed up in committee in what controlled substance analog actually... of what that consists."

Feigenholtz: "Controlled substance analog, Representative Liner... Lindner, it is... in it is a drug called GHB, which is essentially, the date rape drug."

Lindner: "Assent..."

Feigenholtz: "Analog needs a substance which is intended for human consumption other than a controlled substance that has a chemical structure substantially similar to that of a controlled sub... substance in Schedule I or II."

Lindner: "And this is normally used in date rape situations, is that true?"

Feigenholtz: "Correct."

Lindner: "All right. And that's what you are trying to correct?"

Feigenholtz: "Correct."

Lindner: "And this..."

Feigenholtz: "There's been four deaths in the past year where a perpetrator has essentially... it... there's a nickname for this, it's called 'fish tank' where they have taken the

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substance out of another one and used it to victimize someone through rape."

Lindner: "All right. And there was no opposition to this Bill in committee, is that correct?"

Feigenholtz: "No. This is an initiative of... Richard Devine's office, Representative Lindner."

Lindner: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Feigenholtz to close."

Feigenholtz: "Appreciate your support on this."

Speaker Hannig: "Then the question is, 'Shall House Bill 763 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Soto, would you like us to read 785? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 785, a Bill for an Act concerning child support. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Soto."

Soto: "Thank you, Chairman and... and Members of the House. House Bill 785, amends the Illinois Department of Public Aid, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Nonsupport Punishment Act and the Illinois Parentage Act of 1984. The Bill insures that the Public Aid receives notice when a party appears in court to change a petition order. Provides that the Department of Public Aid may

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provide notice to, at any time, to the parties that... to a support action that department is providing child support enforcement services to. House Bill 7... 785 provides that the Department of Public Aid is entitled to notice of further court proceedings. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 785. This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Not necessarily in opposition. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Black: "Representative, I tried to get a hold of my circuit clerk this morning back in my district and I wasn't successful. I noticed that they didn't register in committee. Do you know whether or not the Illinois Association of Circuit Clerks have been contacted on this Bill? And if so, have they given you or the Department of Public Aid any indication as to whether or not they are in... have concerns with the Bill or they embrace the Bill?"

Soto: "No. I have no record of that, Representative Black, but I can look into that."

Black: "Okay. Fine. I appreciate that. Thank you."

Soto: "And get back to you."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Representative Soto has moved for passage of House Bill 785. Representative Black has spoken in response. Representative Soto to close."

Soto: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Nekritz, would you like to be recorded? Representative Nekritz? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 806."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 806, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. 806 is an initiative of the State Police eliminating an obsolete law which allowed state prisoners to be transported to state agencies for the purpose of conducting research on them. This process and bi... this procedure was never utilized by State Police; it's obsolete. We're just looking to clean up their agency."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bradley has moved for passage of House Bill 806. This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Mathias, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having

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received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Gordon, would you like us to read House Bill 880? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 880, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Gordon."

Gordon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, House Bill 880 creates the new criminal offense of organized retail theft. It would occur when a person either commits the retail theft of property with the aid of assistance of another person and takes or causes the prop... or property to be moved or placed in the control of a retail property fence, with the intent of monetary, or other gain if the property is worth more than \$650 within any... a hundred and eighty days or a six-month period, or if that person receives, possesses, conceals, stores, barter, sells or disposes of with the intent to distribute any merchandise that was taken in violation of the first section with the intent to distribute the proceeds. This is a... the retail industry is losing millions and millions of dollars because of these organized retail theft rings. It's an initiative of the Retail Merchants Association. It passed out of committee with absolutely no opposition. And I would ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 880. This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Representative Lindner."

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

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Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Lindner: "Would you tell me now why is this not already covered under the retail theft statute that we have now?"

Gordon: "There's... there's no such thing to conspiracy to commit. This... this... this crime would apply to the people who are doing this in concert and... and would make it a Class II felony. And now we can only charge them individually."

Lindner: "So, the people wouldn't actually have to be present at the retail... when the crime of retail theft is committed?"

Gordon: "If we can prove beyond a reasonable doubt that they were a part of this and that they participated knowingly in this crime, then no."

Lindner: "And do you as a for..."

Gordon: "Jus... just like any conspiracy crime, Representative."

Lindner: "...and do you as a former prosecutor think that this would be a good law?"

Gordon: "I think this would be a wonderful law. And I absolutely believe in the beyond a reasonable doubt standard and take up the cha... would take up the challenge daily."

Lindner: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Gordon to close."

Gordon: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an... this is an excellent Bill. And I ask for your 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open."

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 884."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 884, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Millner."

Millner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 884 amends the Criminal Code to change the words from 'the Illinois Department of Corrections' to 'penal institutions'. It is designed to bring our current practice into the legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 884. This Bill... on the Order of Short Debate. Is there anyone who stands in response? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Biggins and Granberg, would you like to be recorded? Representative Saviano. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 885."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 885, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 885, known as a Patrick Leahy Bill, is named after a six-year-old little boy from Winfield, Illinois who was killed by a hit-and-run driver in 1999. The Patrick Leahy Bill would eliminate the statute of limitations for the offense of leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident where there is death or personal injuries or failing to give information and render aid following a motor vehicle accident that involves death or personal injuries or damage to an attended vehicle. Currently, the statute of limitations on a felony hit and run is only 3 years. Therefore in the case of Patrick Leahy it's sad to think that even if his killer were caught today the reality of current law would not allow for the prosecution of his killer. To the family of Patrick Leahy, this is unconscienceable. I would urge this Body to agree with the Leahy's and the families of so many other victims. Families of the victims should be able to have closure when dealing with a tragedy brought on by a hit-and-run driver. We should allow for the prosecution of these crimes to be commenced at any time because it may take years for the offender to be discovered by law enforcement. We must send the message to hit-and-run drivers and killers that they can't get away with hiding out for 3 years anymore. I submit to you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, that with the passage of this legislation, hit-and-run drivers cannot run and hide in Illinois anymore. I'd be happy to answer

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any questions and would ask for your favorable consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 885. This is on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Representative Brosnahan."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Brosnahan: "Representative, I just have a couple questions."

Mendoza: "Sure."

Brosnahan: "So, un... under the current law for a misdemeanor offense of leaving the scene, is the statute of limitations 18 months, is that correct?"

Mendoza: "One and a half years. Yes, Representative. For a misdemeanor."

Brosnahan: "And for the felony offense of leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accidents involving death or personal injury the current statute is 3 years, is that correct?"

Mendoza: "That's correct."

Brosnahan: "Now I... I realize that this offense is... is obviously a very serious offense and my... my heart goes out to the family that you're talking about as well as all the other victims. But, I... I do have a couple concerns about it. Can you tell me why we're extending the statute of limitations for this offense as opposed to aggravated battery, ya know, of a child or burglary or some of those offenses?"

Mendoza: "I understand your concern, Representative, and I certainly appreciate your statements. I think that it's

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important to look at each one of these different types of crimes individually. In the case of a hit-and-run driver it may take years, well after 3 years, to have a break in the case and be able to bring forth a prosecution. And so, looking at this type of crime in which currently, ya know, if you do for whatever reason feel that you need to leave the scene of a crime, we passed a law last year that gives the driver, I believe it is a half hour in which they can report, ya know, the fact that maybe they were scared or it was an accident and be able to put forth a defense without getting in trouble. But at some point we need look at the absolute decision to not render aid and to leave the scene and hide out as something that's very serious in this state. And certainly worth... worthy of the elimination of that statute of limitations."

Brosnahan: "Ya know, I... I understand what you're trying to do and I know your intent is very admirable. But I... I guess think even the answer that you just gave me I... I think that can apply to a lot of other crimes and one of the concerns I have with this Bill is that this will open the door and we're gonna see next year and the year after a lot more legislation aimed at lengthening the statute of limitations and I obviously, I... I believe very strongly that they... they've been a basic tenet of our criminal justice system and they're important. But, I... I do appreciate your answers. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 885. And Representative Brosnahan has spoken in response.

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The Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. So, Representative Mendoza's recognized to close."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, again, I think that currently we're debating a series of different Bills that would look at different types of crimes and whether or not the statute of limitations should be removed for them. This Bill in particular, I believe, deals with an egregious behavior that a person makes a conscience decision to leave and to hide out. And for the families of the victims to know that if and when this person is caught that we would not be able to seek justice on this individual is perhaps a second absolute crime brought upon that family. By removing the statute of limitations on this type of a hit-and-run accident with these hit-and-run killers, we're not hurting our criminal justice system, we're not hurting our law enforcement community. The only people we would be hurting by not removing this statute of limitations are the families of the victims who have already been hurt over time and time again. And so, I would ask for your favorable consideration. And thanks for all of those who have supported me. Up until now we... I know of no known opposition other than my esteemed colleague, Representative Brosnahan. I appreciate his concerns, but I think we'll be doing the right thing by voting 'yes'."

Speaker Hannig: "So, now the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Rose and Representative Monique Davis. Representative Rose. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no' and 3 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Black. Representative Black, would you like us to read House Bill 887? Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 887, a Bill for an Act concerning driving offenses. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 887 amends the Municipal Code in the Illinois Vehicle Code to provide that a municipal government may not enact or enforce a DUI ordinance if the violation would be a felony under the Vehicle Code. This Bill has been introduced on... at the request of the DuPage County State's Attorney. What's happening is that many municipalities are setting up courts and their purpose is to handle municipal violations. But because they've discovered that they might be able to keep all the fine money, some of them are higher... or hearing traffic offenses and has come to Mr. Birkett's attention that some are even hearing DUI cases, fining the driver 2 thousand... 25 hundred dollars keeping all of the money and in many cases failing to notify the Secretary of State of this DUI offenses. That was not the intent of the municipal court ordinance. We think all DUIs should be

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handled through the state's attorney. And I'll be glad to answer any questions that you have."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of House Bill 887. This Bill is on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone speak in response? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Wait, Representative Krause, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no' and 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 888."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 888, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 888 attempts to correct a situation under the current law where after the fourth offense of driving while your license has been revoked or suspended the penalty remains the same and so, people are doing this in obvious violation of the spirit and intent of the law. So, the Bill simply says that after your fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth or ninth offense of driving on a revoked or a suspended license is guilty of a Class IV felony. That's 1 to 3 years or a \$25 thousand fine, if that rev... if that revocation was for a hit and run, or DUI violation, reckless homicide, serious offences like that.

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A fifteenth or subsequent offense would be a Class II felony for the same reasons as above, in other words, a serious moving violation. This is an initiative that is supported by the Illinois Secretary of State. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions that you have."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 888. This Bill's on the Order of Short Debate. Does anyone stand in response? Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We... we talked about this in committee, Representative Black and sooner or later as we enhance these penalties, which unfortunately we must, 'cause people aren't getting the message apparently. Think about it. By the third, or fourth, or fifth conviction you're never gonna get your license back in this state. So, when they're up to eighth and ninth conviction, they're obviously driving on revoked license, never get their license. So, it begins to tell me that maybe there's some kind of sickness involved here. We better start thinking of a way that we're gonna deal with these sick individuals to get 'em some kind of education or something else here and not just keep raising penalties. Otherwise, we're gonna get near the death penalty pretty quick here. And... and as I say this and I got to say it, every time I'm voting for an enhanced penalty, remember I do some zoning laws and I just gotta tell ya, every time we wanna put a new bar in a mall, the one thing you have to show to get your license is that they have the requisite amount of parking spaces. So, before they get their license so they

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know full well that the city or the village had its and it says, okay, you can open up this bar. But we got to make sure that there's enough paces... places where people could drive to it and drive out. So, we... we better start looking at that and get to the root of why people have a fifteenth DUI before we make it the death penalty. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Representative Black has moved for passage of House Bill 888. Representative Molaro has spoken in response and Representative Black is recognized to close."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I urge an 'aye' vote. I wish these Bills weren't necessary. But we have seen time and time again, evidently they are. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 888 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Mitchell and Joyce, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record? On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no' and 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Okay. The Chair's now prepared to go to the Order of House Bills-Second Reading. And we'll go down the list where the Chair is aware that there are no Amendments that are pending or any fiscal notes and... and we'll try to move as many as possible. So, we'll start on page 2 of the Calendar with House Bill 23. Representative Jerry Mitchell. Okay. Out of the record. Representative Lang

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on House Bill 58. Out of the record. Representative Bill Mitchell on House Bill 120. Representative Mitchell, 120 from Second to Third. Would you like us to read the Bill? Out of the record. Representative Millner with... okay. Mr. Millner would like us to read House Bill 132, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 132, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Monique Davis, would you like us to read 165? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 165, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Bassi on House Bill 173. Okay. Out of the record. Representative Leitch on House Bill 179. Out of the record. Representative Lang. Representative Delgado on House Bill 202. Okay. Representative Joe Lyons on House Bill 232. Out of the record. Representative Brady on House Bill 245 from Second to Third... Second to Third, Representative. Out of the record. Representative... Representative Flowers on House Bill 246. Would you like us to read House Bill 246, on page 3 of the Calendar? Okay. That's an error of the Chair, Representative Flowers. There's a request for a fiscal note. Okay. House Bill 250, Representative Flowers. Would you like us to read that Bill? Okay. Out

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of the record. 258. Repres... Representative Rita on House Bill 324. House Bill 324. Out of the record. On House Bill 339, Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill, please."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 339, has been read a second time, previously. Committee Amendment #1 was approved in Committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you. I wish to withdraw Amendment 2 and move to Amendment 4."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. The Lady withdraws Amendment #2. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This underlying Bill would increase juror reimbursement across the state. The funding mechanism established in the Bill was to increase fees on certain litigants in the court system, but when we... when we set out that fee structure we discovered that for some counties that fee would be... would not bring in enough money and for some counties it might, in fact, bring in more than was required to do the job. This Amendment would require the counties to do a study to find out what the costs would likely be and would let them then set a fee that would be appropriate to make up the difference between the new charge... the new reimbursement level and the old. If during the course of time they

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discovered that the fee they set was not the right fee, they would have the opportunity to do another study and set a different fee. Importantly, under the Bill, the fee itself would go into a special fund in the county treasury, so, the monies could not be used for other purposes. The suggestion for this Amendment came actually from Members of the committee. And I'd appreciate your support and would be happy to answer your questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Amendment #4. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. The Chair will now continue down the list of Bills on the Order of Second Readings. Before that, we're gonna go back to Representative Bassi's Bill, page 2 of the Calendar, House Bill 173. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 173, a Bill for an Act concerning families. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And now, on page 4 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills-Second Reading is House Bill 350, Representative Joyce. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 350, a Bill... has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor

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Amendment #1, offered by Representative Joyce, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Joyce."

Joyce: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Ge... Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 350 addresses the concern of transitional homes that accept sex offenders living in them, released from prison. As you may or may not recall, House Bill 350, Members of the committee approved unanimously s... barring more than one sex offender being placed by the Department of Corrections or any other correctional facility into a home. This would allow for these transitional homes to continue, but only under the guidance of the Amendment which requires Department of Corrections to come up with a licensing procedure that does... that is not limited to, but includes 24-hour security at the location, notification to the community, a treatment and counseling plan, and a length of stay of not longer than 90 days by the convicted sex offender. So, I would move the... for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 350."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Joyce, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Joyce."

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Joyce: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 simply makes the change to make the... an immediate effective date of this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then all in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Rose, would you like us to read 363, on page 4 of the Calendar, Second Reading? Out of the record. 368, Representative Rose, page 4 of the Calendar? Out of the record. Representative Monique Davis, would you like us to read House Bill 384, on the Order of Second Reading, on page 4 of the Calendar? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 384, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No... Com... Committee Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Eddy on House Bill 402. Representative Eddy. Representative Eddy. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 402 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Rose on House Bill 442. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 442, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Joyce on House Bill 452, page 4 of the Calendar. Okay. Out of the record. Representative Eddy on House Bill 472. Representative Eddy. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 472, a Bill for an Act concerning ethanol. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Eddy on 474. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 474, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Coulson on House Bill 506. Out of the record. Representative Boland on 594. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 594, a Bill for an Act concerning volunteer emergency workers. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Boland on 596. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 596, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill.

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Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Eddy on House Bill 602. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 602, a Bill for an Act concerning advertising. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Delgado on House Bill 615. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 615 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Delgado, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Delgado on the Amendment."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1, give me one second, Mr. Speaker. I need... yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Amendment #1 will delete local matching requirements, provides instead that local units of government may provide grants to supplement those made by the state. And I would ask for your favorable consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of the Amendment. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Millner on House Bill 664. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 664, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Chapa LaVia on 676. Would you like us to read the Bill? Out of the record. On page 6 of the Calendar, Representative Bellock on House Bill 679. Would you like us to read this Bill? No. Okay. Out of the record. Representative Mathias on 692. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 692, a Bill for an Act concerning motor fuel theft. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Lyons on House Bill 700. Excuse me, House Bill 692 is moved to the Order of Third Reading. Representative Lyons on House Bill 700. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 700, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Eileen Lyons on House Bill 701. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 701, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Eddy on House Bill 731. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 731, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Representative Eddy on 741. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 741, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Rita on House Bill 760. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 760, a Bill for an Act in relation to funeral expenses. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Hultgren on House Bill 766. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 766, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Soto, we're on page 7 of the Calendar, now. Representative Soto on House Bill 783. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House... House Bill 783, a Bill for an Act concerning child support. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Osterman on House Bill 793. Out of the record. Representative Bradley on House Bill 805. Out of the record. Representative Bellock on House Bill 808, 808. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 808, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liability. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Sullivan on House Bill 810. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 810, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Washington on House Bill 823. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 823, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Biggins on House Bill 847. Mr. Biggins, would you like us to read the Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 847, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Sacia. Okay. Representative Saviano. Representative McAuliffe on House Bill 900. Representative McAuliffe. Okay. Representative Colvin on House Bill 907. Would you like us to read the Bill? Out of the record. 908. Representative Colvin, 908? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 908, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Acevedo on House Bill 923. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Okay. Representative Acevedo, the Chair was in error. There's a note request on 923 that is just been filed. So, you'll have to check with the Clerk and he'll give you the details. Representative Saviano on House Bill 928. Okay. Let's go to page 8 of the Calendar. Representative Flider on House Bill 943. Out of the record. Representative Delgado on House Bill 992. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 992, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Joyce on House Bill 1002. Representative Kevin Joyce. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1002, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Mendoza on 1051. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1051, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Younge on House Bill 1055. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1055, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Ryg on House Bill 1077. Representative Davis on House Bill 1081. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1081, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. On page 9 of the Calendar, House Bill 1086, Representative Jakobsson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1086, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Rose on House Bill 1094. Out of the record. Representative Flider on 1095. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1095, a Bill for an Act concerning juries. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Dunn on House Bill 1106, 1106. Out of the record. Representative Soto on House Bill 1133. Out of the record. Representative Dugan on House Bill 1161, 11... Out of the record. Representative Saviano. Representative Verschoore on House Bill 1184. Out of the record. Representative Phelps on 1310. Out of the record. Representative Schmitz on House Bill 1338. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1338, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Delgado on House Bill 1343. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1343, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Graham on House Bill 1351. Representative Graham, would you like us to read the Bill, 13... Okay. Out of the record. Representative Moffitt on 1367. Out of the record. We're gonna return to page 2 of the Calendar on House Bill 187. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 187, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 188?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 188, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Brosnahan is recognized for an announcement."

Brosnahan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The House Telecommunications Committee is scheduled for tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. has been canceled. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Osterman is recognized on a point of personal privilege."

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Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Lad... Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Monday evening in my community of Edgewater, we suffered a tragic loss. A federal judge, Joan Lefkow, had her husband and her mother murdered in her home and Michael Lefkow and Donna Grace Humphrey lost their lives. And... and Michael Lefkow was a constituent of mine, a really good man. He left behind four daughters. And I would ask the Body to have a moment of silence for the Lefkow family. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "On Supplemental Calendar #1, on... on the Order of Resolutions, is House Resolution 51. Representative Feigenholtz. Representative Feigenholtz moves for the adoption of House Resolution 51. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 62, Representative Jenisch. And the Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 62. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 100, Representative Hamos. The Lady moves for the adoption of Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 103, Mr. Turner. The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. The Chair would just remind the Members of the Senate Calendar. Page 8 of the Calendar begins a long list of House Bills that have passed this chamber and await Sponsors in the Senate. So, when we pass a Bill over here

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as Sponsors we've only done part of the job. We've got to find a Senate Sponsor. So, we're urging the Members to begin that process as soon as possible. Representative Coulson, for what reason do you rise?"

Coulson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in recognition of Women's History Month. Is this a good time?"

Speaker Hannig: "This is a good time, Representative."

Coulson: "Okay. Great. Following in the footsteps of the Black Caucus, we thought it was a great idea. So, I'm gonna read about a famous Illinois woman, Jane Addams, who founded the Jane Addams Hull-House and Museum in Chicago. Jane Addams was born in Cedarville, Illinois on September 6, 1860, graduated from Rockford College, founded the world famous social settlement hud... Hull-House on Chicago's near west side in 1889. From Hull-House, where she lived and worked until her death in 1835(sic-1935), Jane Addams built her reputation as a prominent woman through her writing, her settlement work, and her international efforts for world peace. The movement that she created among their projects they launched programs for Immigrants' Protective League, The Juvenile Protective Association, the first juvenile court in the nation, and a juvenile psychopathic clinic, later called the Institute for Juvenile Research. Through the efforts of these women, the Illinois Legislature enacted protective legislation for women and children and in 1903 passed a strong, child labor law and an accompanying compulsory education law. With the creation of the Federal Bureau of Children in 18... 1912 and

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the passage of federal child labor laws in 1916, the Hull-House reformers saw their efforts expanded to the national level. And we in Illinois can be proud of Jane Addams as one of our founding mothers. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, would you read the Agreed Resolutions?"

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 157, offered by Representative Currie. House Resolution 158, offered by Representative Kosel. House Resolution 159, offered by Representative Kosel. House Resolution 160, offered by Representative Kosel. House Resolution 161, offered by Representative Kosel. House Resolution 162, offered by Representative Kosel. House Resolution 163, offered by Representative Kosel. House Resolution 164, offered by Representative Joyce. House Resolution 165, offered by Representative McCarthy. House Resolution 166, offered by Representative Dunkin. House Resolution 167, offered by Representative Dunkin. House Resolution 168, offered by Representative Sacia. House Resolution 171, offered by Representative Churchill. House Resolution 174, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell. House Resolution 176, offered by Representative Winters. House Resolution 179, offered by Representative Kelly. House Resolution 181, offered by Representative Daniels. House Resolution 183, offered by Representative McCarthy. House Resolution 184, offered by Representative Mathias and House Resolution 185, offered by Representative Granberg."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Representative McAuliffe, for what reason do you rise?"

McAuliffe: "The Veteran Affairs Committee will be canceled for tomorrow."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, do you have some announcements?"

Clerk Mahoney: "The House State Government Administration Committee meeting today at 2 p.m. is moved from Room 122... 115 to Room D-1 in the Stratton. State Government Administrations is moved to Room D-1 in the Stratton. Tomorrow the Developmental Disabilities & Mental Ill... Illness Committee is moved to C-1 from Room 122-B to... the Developmental Disabilities & Mental Illness will be moved to C-1."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Molaro, for what reason do you rise?"

Molaro: "Just to remind Members that the House Jud II-Criminal Law Committee will meet at 8 a.m., D-1. We're gonna start at 8 a.m. sharp. We only... but we shouldn't take too long, we only have a hundred Bills posted. So, we'll be out of there quick. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hamos, for what reason do you rise?"

Hamos: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would just like to invite all the Members, especially downstate Members, who are interested in inter city rail and Amtrak to come to our

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mass transit hearing tomorrow, it's at noon in Room 118. We're going to be looking at the State of the State of inter city rail and bus. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Are there any other announcements? Then Representative Currie moves, that allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 3 at the hour of 1 p.m., 1 p.m. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted and the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Referred to the House Committee on Rules. House Resolution 186, offered by Representative Churchill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."