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Speaker Turner: "The hour of 12:00 having arrived, the House shall be in order. Today, March 4, 2009, we shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Mark Hudson, who is the pastor of Blooming Grove Baptist Church, in McLeansboro, Illinois. Reverend Hudson is the guest of Representative John Bradley. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Hudson."

Pastor Hudson: "Let us pray. Oh God, Creator of all good things, I would like to thank You for allowing this opportunity to pray for these who represent us in our state. I acknowledge that You are not only the Creator of all good things, but also the giver of all good things if we but ask. So I ask for your blessing to be on all our leaders who serve this great State of Illinois. I ask today that You give unto these here, who represent the people of Illinois, a blessing of wisdom to find the solutions and answers for the very difficult issues that we are facing in these difficult days. Wisdom that will affect them to work together in harmony with all those who serve us, and who strive for the welfare of the people. I ask that You give unto them the blessing of courage, to face these issues until a right and proper answer can be found that will be most beneficial to the people of this great state and pleasing to You. I ask for the blessing of perseverance and strength to overcome the obstacles that may hinder the proper outcome to these issues. And finally, I ask that through this wisdom, courage,

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perseverance, and strength, may there rise up the blessing of heroes in this place. Raise them up Oh God, to stand with boldness against the issues and problems that would cause harm in any way to the people of our state. Raise heroes who are blessed with the good gifts that are mentioned which makes possible for us the greater blessing of living here in this great state. And may You bless this, our State of Illinois, and all who live here and all who lead here with the blessing of prosperity and hope, again. And we ask all this most humbly, and reverently, Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge today by the Lady from Champaign, Representative Jakobsson."

Jakobsson - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, please let the record show that Representatives Collins and Gordon are excused today."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Bost... the Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost, for what reason do you rise?"

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representatives Saviano and Stephens are excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

Speaker Turner: "The record will so reflect. We have 109 Members present, a quorum is present. And we shall proceed

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with business. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Zalewski, for what reason do you rise?"

Zalewski: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Zalewski: "I just want to acknowledge the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from St. Jane de Chantal. They're here for Catholics at the Capitol Week. There's quite a bit of them, so we want to get them on their way. But I'd like to acknowledge their presence and thank them for coming down today."

Speaker Turner: "St. Jane's, welcome to Springfield. The Gentleman from Lee, Representative Mitchell, for what reason do you rise?"

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Please joining me in welcoming the eighth grade class from St. Andrew School in Rock Falls. And their principal and a friend of mine, Mr. Phil Belline. They're up behind me. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield, St. Andrew's. Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Poe, for what reason do you rise?"

Poe: "Yeah, Mr. Speaker, point of personal privilege. Thank you. Thank you. I, too... even though we're local we want to make sure we acknowledge those schools here from Springfield and we appreciate St. Aloysius that's on the north end of Springfield and their two teachers, Mrs.

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Harris and Metz for coming in today, will they recognize them up here in the gallery, also."

Speaker Turner: "St. Aloysius, welcome to Springfield. The Lady from Lake, Representative Osmond, for what reason do you rise?"

Osmond: "Point of personal privilege, Sir."

Speaker Turner: "And state your point."

Osmond: "I am very excited to announce that last night at the Cozy Dog Drive In, House Republican staffer, Jeff 'Scooter' Scott, became the first ever Cozy Dog eating champion of the world. More importantly, the Springfield Gentlemen's Association will be donating one thousand, one hundred dollars to the American Cancer Society. And on behalf of them and Matt Paprocki, its founder, I would like to thank each and every one of you who participated and attended. The Springfield Gentlemen's Association will continue to wear the red jackets on Tuesday to stand against cancer. Thank you so much."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Is Jeff here today or is he in the nurse's station?"

Osmond: "We'll find him. We'll bring him up."

Speaker Turner: "Okay. We'd love to see him. The Gentleman from Mclean, Representative Brady, for what reason do you rise?"

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Brady: "I'd like to introduce from my district, if the ladies would stand, Kathy Bassoondile and Maria Galeway, from Holy Trinity and Epiphany Parish, respectively, that is down

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here at the Capitol with Catholics at the Capitol. And we'd give a nice warm welcome to the General Assembly and them. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield, ladies. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to move to the Order of Third Readings, page 12 of the Calendar. We're going to continue where we left off yesterday. And we'll start with the first Bill on that order is House Bill 364, Representative Reis. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 364, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Jasper."

Reis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 364 would create the veterinary student loan repayment program through the University of Illinois. It is subject to appropriation. And we have a real crisis developing in the United States where as students graduate from various veterinarian colleges they go into small animal practice which is cats and dogs. It's much more lucrative... it helps them pay down their student loans that they graduate with. This would create four scholarships per year for students who will serve in underserved areas of the state as a large animal veterinarian. It's a program... it's been modeled after other states, most of the other midwestern states have this. And I would ask for your support on this very important Bill to help make sure that animal agriculture remains viable in the State of Illinois."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 364?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Flider? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, 109 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'present's. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the order of Third Readings we have House Bill 370, Representative Bradley. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 370, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation, which may be referred to as the Michael Dean Law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Williamson, Representative Bradley."

Bradley: "This would put more teeth into the operating uninsured law, but right now the operating uninsured vehicle law is simply a business offense. This would be in the very limited case where somebody operates an uninsured vehicle and they hurt someone that they would be eligible to be charged with a Class A misdemeanor. So, my friend, Michael Dean, was killed by an uninsured motorist, who was a chronically uninsured motorist. So, when you're driving a vehicle and you're not using insurance and you keep doing it and you hurt somebody; there ought to be some kind of criminal penalty involved with that."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Reboletti, for what reason do you rise?"

Reboletti: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Reboletti: "Representative, is this... new offense... will this be supervision eligible?"

Bradley, J: "I don't have that in front of me. I think it would be."

Reboletti: "Okay. And... and the other issue that I have is that what constitutes the injury? I know that the Vehicle Code talks about different levels of injury..."

Bradley: "We just... we worked through this last year as I recall and we used a term of art that was already defined in the statute, as I recall."

Reboletti: "So we're talking about major injury not if somebody had a small cut or something that they might be charged with a Class A misdemeanor?"

Bradley: "It was a term of art that was already in the statute; it was my recollection Representative."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Franks, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

Franks: "Representative, I understand what you're trying to do and I appreciate it. My question is, I'm reading our analysis, and it says that the Bill will eliminate the ability to later show proof of insurance to the court."

Bradley: "No, I... I don't think that's correct. No, that's not correct."

Reboletti: "Okay. Because... are... for the Democratic analysis... I just want to make this point. It indicates that this Bill

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will eliminate the ability to later show proof of insurance to the court to prevent prosecution. So, you're saying that the analysis is wrong and you would still be able to show that you had proof of insurance at the time the bodily injury occurred."

Bradley: "That was my intent and understanding."

Reboletti: "Okay. Have... have we... I don't have a copy of the Bill..."

Bradley: "I don't have it in front of me."

Reboletti: "Okay. As long... let's just double check, and if that..."

Bradley: "If there's a problem with that, we'll fix it in the Senate."

Reboletti: "Thank you. Thank you for bringing this Bill."

Bradley: "Okay."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 370?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Burns. Representative Burns. It's not working. His switch is not working... On this issue, there are... Please... Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 109 Members voting 'yes', 0 'noes', 0 'present's. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Third Readings, we have House Bill 372, Representative Mautino. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 372, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."



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Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. Under the current law, the Design Bill Procurement Act is set to repeal on July 1 of 2009. This Bill will extend the sunset on that Act until 2014. This is proposed by the Capital Development Board, the American Institute of Architects. I know of no opposition and it simply moves the sunset so that the Act does not repeal itself in July. Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions... I'm sorry. Representative Black, the Gentleman from Vermilion, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

Black: "Thank you. Representative, I just want to make sure that I didn't... that I heard you correctly. Did you say you permanently repealed the sunset date or just moved it back?"

Mautino: "I'm just moving it back. Right now, as it sits, the Act will self-repeal on July 1 of 2009. This pushes the sunset out until 2014."

Black: "Okay. I... thank you very much. I apologize. I thought I heard you say that you repealed the repealer, that's... that's all I wanted to clarify. Thank you."

Mautino: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 372?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Farnham on House Bill 377. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 377, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Farnham."

Farnham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is... very simply is a Bill that would deny pension benefits to anybody in the future who is impeached in the House and convicted in the Senate, quite simply. I think it's time that we send a clear message to the public that we mean business here. When I walk in the neighborhoods, they tell me that they want to know that they can believe in their elected officials and I think that it's time that we send that message. I don't think we should be rewarding public officials with pension benefits when they've been thrown out. And I think that it's time that we send that clear message out there. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Sullivan, for what reason do you rise? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Yes, he will."

Lang: "Are you sure? I didn't hear him say anything."

Farnham: "Yes, I will."

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Lang: "Okay. So, let's just get this straight, right off the top. This is your very first Bill, Sir?"

Farnham: "That is correct."

Lang: "And this is what you were elected to do, come here and pass Bills, is that correct?"

Farnham: "Yes, it is."

Lang: "And as I understand it, unless something happened when I was off the floor, you're actually the first freshmen this year to have a Bill on Third Reading, aren't you?"

Farnham: "I believe that's correct."

Lang: "Are you sure you're prepared for this?"

Farnham: "I am."

Lang: "So, you know, compared to... compared to Mr. Black, who I'm sure is coming up shortly, I... I probably won't be too tough on you. So, I heard you explain your, Bill... I'm over here, Representative. So I heard you explain your Bill and I didn't get it. So, can you tell me again what your Bill does? Because you worked very hard on this and you had like a 30-second explanation. Surely you can do better than that, Representative."

Farnham: "The Bill amends the code to... it provides that all participants who are entering service after the effective date..."

Lang: "Wait, excuse me, are... are you reading from your analysis?"

Farnham: "Yes, I am."

Lang: "Put your analysis away. Put... put your analysis away."

Farnham: "Anybody entering service in the future, as of the effective date, if they are convicted... if they are

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impeached by the House and convicted in the Senate, will not be eligible for pension benefits. It's as simple as that. They... they shouldn't be rewarded with pension benefits. I see no reason why somebody, who has either committed a crime or committed something to the level of impeachment and conviction by the Senate and thrown out, should be rewarded."

Lang: "Well, so... is there any public official you're aware of today to whom this would apply?"

Farnham: "Not... not that I know of right now, no."

Lang: "Would this apply to governor... ex-Governor Blagojevich?"

Farnham: "No, it would not."

Lang: "Why?"

Farnham: "Because it is not a retroactive Bill."

Lang: "Why don't you make it a retroactive Bill?"

Farnham: "Because I don't think that would be fair. I think this is a..."

Lang: "To whom?"

Farnham: "To whom? To any of us. I think that this is... former Members and their rights are protected by the Illinois Constitution."

Lang: "All right. So... was this Bill your idea, Sir? Or did somebody bring it to you?"

Farnham: "No, this was my idea."

Lang: "All on your own?"

Farnham: "All on my own."

Lang: "You didn't check this with anybody first?"

Farnham: "I talked with various people, but I got a lot of input from people in my district when I was walking that..."

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that just did not feel that it was a... right that people should be getting money from the state when they were thrown out of office."

Lang: "Now, you didn't check with that new organization that's out there, the future-to-be-impeached pensioners of Illinois, you didn't check with that group?"

Farnham: "No, they haven't called on my office yet."

Lang: "You think they would support it?"

Farnham: "I... I have no idea if they would or not."

Lang: "I note that all of the cosponsors you have on this Bill are freshmen Legislators."

Farnham: "I don't believe that's the case, I believe Representative Poe is on this Bill, also."

Lang: "Oh, all right, I'm looking at the original printout. But I... I certainly noticed the first four are freshmen Legislators, couldn't you get anybody that knew what the heck they were doing to help you, Sir?"

Farnham: "Well I believe these freshmen know what they're doing."

Lang: "Oh, okay."

Farnham: "They were elected by the people in their districts to come here and serve."

Lang: "That's kind of a good answer. So, you have some constitutional provisions that you talk about here. Are you rewriting the Constitution?"

Farnham: "No, I'm not."

Lang: "All right. Would you like to rewrite the Constitution?"

Farnham: "No, I don't think I need to do that."

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Lang: "All right. So, what articles are you amending, Sir?  
Oh, you're not allowed to look at your notes, I'm sorry."

Farnham: "Article 8, Section 5 of the Constitution: protects  
the retirement benefits."

Lang: "You want to just hand him the microphone, Sir? You seem  
to be repeating what he's saying."

Farnham: "No, I don't. But you know, we do have to turn to  
experts sometimes."

Lang: "I see. So, if... have you taken a poll in the City of  
Elgin where you're from? If three-quarters of the City of  
Elgin were here last week, did you... did you take the  
opportunity to speak with them about this Bill and ask them  
if they felt that this was something you should do for your  
first Bill?"

Farnham: "No, but probably given a couple of days I could get  
them back down here."

Lang: "All right. Well, we... we would like them... I'd like  
another one of those little cars... that was good. I think  
somebody brought me some food to my office... I kind of liked  
that, too. So, if you could make that happen I'd  
appreciate it. You expect to pass this Bill today, Sir?"

Farnham: "I certainly am in hopes of doing that, yes."

Lang: "I... I'm wondering, because there seem to be some  
infirmities with the Bill, if you'd like to take it back to  
Second Reading and amend it."

Farnham: "I don't believe it needs to. I... I think we need to  
send a message to the public. I believe that this is a  
time where we need to be absolutely clear."

Turner: "Representative Lang, your time has expired."

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Lang: "What a shock. All right. Well, I think the guy's done a great job. So, I probably won't vote for his Bill... but I think he's explained it very well."

Farnham: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Representative, what message are you sending to the public?"

Farnham: "The message that I'm sending out there is that every one of us here, who serve the public, mean to be here to be honest. We have a long history of honesty in government here. We don't just focus on dishonest..."

Black: "Excuse me, what state do you live in?"

Farnham: "I... I still believe... I guess that's the freshmen concept, is that I do still believe in what we do or I would not be here."

Black: "I... I still believe in that, too, but it's a little hard for me to fathom that sometimes after having been down here for awhile."

Farnham: "I agree with you and that's exactly why we need a Bill like this. We need to send a clear message that we mean business going forward."

Black: "Well, who... who does the message go to? Doesn't go to anybody in the General Assembly, correct?"

Farnham: "I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you."

Black: "The message doesn't apply to any of us in the General Assembly, correct? We can't be impeached."

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Farnham: "This only applies to people who are coming in and... and going forward who would participate in the retirement system as of the effective date of this Bill."

Black: "So I... I heard you tell Representative Lang that it does not impact our former governor, who's busy writing a book probably as we speak."

Farnham: "Correct."

Black: "Was there... is there any way that you could change this to encompass... his loss of pension benefits? Have you given that any thought?"

Farnham: "Not in the way... in a way that's constitutional, no."

Black: "Well, now there is one way, Representative. What do you think would happen to Governor Blagojevich's... former Governor Blagojevich's pension, should he be convicted in a federal court of law?"

Farnham: "That is true. That is a... that is in a... by law. But this is a con... this is something where we're amending the statute so that by impeachment and conviction here, that they will lose that pension benefit."

Black: "But it doesn't apply to any Member of the General Assembly, just the Executive Branch or the constitutionally elected officeholders. Correct? Now, Representative, if you really believe in this, don't consult your staff... your young staffer should go back in the bathroom."

Farnham: "Moving... moving forward it would affect the General Assembly, yes, if they're impeached and convicted."

Black: "Well, you'd have to change the Constitution, because we can't be impeached, an oversight you may want to address."



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Representative, why do I get the idea that maybe your staffer knows more about this Bill than you do?"

Farnham: "There are technicalities of the law that I have to ask."

Black: "Yeah, those technicalities are... you know what they are, I tell you. Well, let me ask you a question, Representative. It's... it's a... related to the Bill, you don't have to answer. One of the ways that we could get rid of any elected official who does not want to be honest would be a recall Amendment to the Constitution. Do you favor a recall Amendment?"

Farnham: "You know... that's a different issue than this. Right now, I'm talking about this pension benefit going forward"

Black: "No, it's the same thing, Representative. If you really want to clean up this mess, can we count on your vote for a recall Amendment? I have one filed."

Farnham: "I have no problem with that at all."

Black: "Okay. I'll remember that. How about a reform process where we could elect the next United State's Senator from Illinois, rather than appointed by a disgraced governor? Would you a... would you join us in that?"

Farnham: "I've stated publicly that I believe that Senator Burris should step down and that we should have a special election."

Black: "Then why didn't you vote for it two days ago when we had a recall... a Motion to Discharge the Chair? You voted to sustain the Chair. You voted to deny this Body the right to have a special election called. You can't have it both ways, Representative. What do you want to do?"

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Farnham: "Well, I appreciate your sentiment, but first of all, that has nothing to do with this particular Bill."

Black: "Oh, I see. Thank you very much, Representative. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, to the... to the Bill. When a freshmen starts to lecture me about what's needed to clean this place up, and he won't vote just 48 hours ago to clean the place up, and he says well, that's not related. I'm going to tell you something, Representative, it's all related. You want to clean this place up and I'll work with you. But you want to bring a cynical Bill, as your first Bill, and say well, I didn't have anything to do with the past. Well, I... It's all related. You're either going to be part of the solution, or you're going to be part of the problem. If I were you I'd go back and introduce my first Bill, to make popcorn the official snack food of Illinois. You have no right to call this Bill, you haven't proven yourself. You haven't done anything as far as I'm concerned. This is a cynical attempt to make your bones at the expense of anybody who's tried to clean up this mess. What are you, Representative, part of the problem or part of the solution?"

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan, for what reason do you rise?"

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Actually, I think the previous speaker did quite a good job."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

Davis, M.: "Mr. Chairman... Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

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Davis, M.: "Representative, this Bill is not retroactive, is that correct?"

Farnham: "That is correct."

Davis, M.: "So, let me just ask this question. You know, I support honesty in government, and I think we... most of us here do. I don't think that we support corruption or corrupt behavior. But my question is, what is supposed to happen to a wife and children if a person is denied their pension and the wife, perhaps, was unemployed?"

Farnham: "They would forfeit all benefits."

Davis, M.: "They would what?"

Farnham: "They would forfeit all benefits under this Bill."

Davis, M.: "So then would they apply for... what would they apply for? They have to have food stamps, what else maybe?"

Farnham: "You know I... I sympathize with the sentiment of it, but I still have a problem with the idea of the wrongdoing and what's taken place. And I... you know, I see people in my... in... you know, in our communities that are suffering, too. And why should we reward somebody who's done something wrong like this to this level? How many times have we impeached somebody in this state? And convicted? It's pretty rare. So when you rise to that level, and you do something like this, it's pretty rare. But I think it sends a clear message today, to the people of the State of Illinois, where we stand."

Davis, M.: "Well, thank you, Representative. To the Bill. I'm going to support the Bill; however, my heart is not in the support of your Bill. Because I... I believe that most people will attempt to do the right thing. I just... My

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concern is with people who are innocent. Mrs. Ryan is an innocent person, but she has to suffer with no pension, with no income, even though, she was the wife who did the wifely duties all during that person's reign. Some people are going to make light of this Bill. It should not be made light of... and the state is going to perhaps have to pay, regardless. I'm going to support your Bill. But it's with a very sad heart... that we would have to come to such and not be concerned with the welfare of an innocent wife and innocent children. Thank you Representative."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative McCarthy, for what reason do you rise?"

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the previous question."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman has moved the previous question. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. The 'aye's have it and the previous question has been put. Representative Farnham to close."

Farnham: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "So, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 377?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? This is the Gentleman's first Bill. Have all voted who wish? Rita. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'aye', 4 voting 'no', 0 'presents. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 12 of the Calendar,

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Representative Nekritz, we have House Bill 380. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 380, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 380 seeks to equalize the opportunity for trustees to serve... whether they're serving at TRS or IMRF. Currently, under the law, if you're a... elected to a position with a Teachers' Retirement System Board, you are give by statute days off that are compensated and then the school that sends you is reimbursed for the substitute or whatever person needs to step in and fill in for... during your absence. IMRF has... also has elected trustees and has elected trustees from schools, but they don't have a similar requirement so this just brings IMRF to match the TRS statutes."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 380?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 12 of the Calendar, Representative Hernandez, we have House Bill 386. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 386, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Hernandez."

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Hernandez: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 386 amends the Childrens' Health Insurance Program Act that covering All Kids Health Insurance Act and the Illinois Public Aid Code to provide that beginning on July 1, 2009, reimbursement for dental services provided in accordance with the respective Acts may not be lower than 64 percent of the reimbursement level that the State of Illinois reimburses dentists for dental services, provided to state employees under the State Employees Group Insurance Act. I ask for a favorable vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Miller, for what reason do you rise?"

Miller: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I support this legislation for various reasons. I want to commend Representative Hernandez on her fine work in trying to deal with access to care of dental needs across the state. This is part of a Bridge to Healthy Smiles Campaign, which essentially has a few components to it, and this is just one of them. One component is to try to help increase rates, which would help provide... try to attract providers to treat the underserved, which in other states has been proven that when you do increase the rates for providers you get more participation and less wait time for the... and travel times for those who have difficulties in seeing a dentist. The other component of it, which is not mentioned here, is the loan-forgiveness part of the Bridge to Healthy Smile Program, which to help... to try to attract recent graduates into underserved areas... to help once again to try to provide access to care. The third piece is to try to

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establish grants for federally qualified health care... clinics to help, once again, access. But this is one of the key components of this initiative. As we know, there have been many, many stories about individuals who had to travel many distances to seek dental care, in addition to many... to long wait times in terms of scheduling between appointments. One of the major reasons why children miss school is because of lack of dental care. It affects their health... esteem... their... self-esteem when their teeth are missing or decayed in front. It affects their ability to... to learn in school if there's a tooth that's hurting. This is a huge component of this piece to try to deal with... with dental care. Having healthy teeth and healthy smiles is part of having a healthy body. I would ask everybody to support this legislation."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Bassi, for what reason do you rise?"

Bassi: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "No, you're not recognized for that."

Bassi: "No? Okay."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hernandez, seeing no other questions on this Bill, I'm sorry, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Well, Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I just heard a brilliant explanation of what this Bill does and not one word was accurate. Not one. Perhaps Representative Farnham can go talk to these two people. You want to clean

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up this mess, Representative, go talk to some of your colleagues. Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "State your inquiry."

Black: "What's the status of Committee Amendment #1 to this Bill?"

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status of Amendment #1 to this Bill, House Bill 86?"

Clerk Bolin: "Amendment #1 was adopted in the House Executive Committee."

Black: "I'll be darned. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Turner: "Representative Hernandez... she says..."

Black: "Representative, what does the Amendment do?"

Hernandez: "Shell Bill, it's a shell Bill, Representative."

Black: "Why didn't you say that when you got up to present the Bill?"

Hernandez: "I was going to."

Black: "You were going to?"

Hernandez: "Yes."

Black: "Well, your good intentions will be noted on the record, but that's not what you said. And then Representative Miller goes on with a soliloquy about what a great Bill this is. What's the Bill do, Representative?"

Hernandez: "It... basically it's going to..."

Black: "No, no, no... what does the Bill do in its current form, Representative?"

Hernandez: "Nothing for right now."

Black: "Nothing. Thank you. That is an honest answer. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this Bill does nothing. Committee Amendment #1 removed all the substantive language



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of the Bill. This is what we refer to as a shell, S,H,E,L,L, Bill. So, the Sponsor wants you to vote for this shell Bill, and then it will come back from the Senate, and you have no idea you're voting for a Bill that could come back to raise the income tax rate by 150,000 percent. You don't know. But many of you will vote for a Bill on this Roll Call that does absolutely nothing and that you have no idea what this Bill will be when it's amended in the Senate and comes back to the House. That's the way we clean up the process, Ladies and Gentlemen. Obfuscate, smoke gets in your eyes, even though we have the Smoke-free Illinois Act. Representative, I don't think you did this deliberately; I know you better than that. But a shell Bill, is a shell Bill, is a shell Bill. I would respect those of you who would vote 'no' on this shell Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Hoffman, for what reason do you rise?"

Hoffman: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, just to the Bill. The previous speaker, I understand what he is saying. However, in order to move forward with the process of government sometimes you have to shell a Bill. The Sponsor has indicated what she wants to use the Bill for, what her intentions are for the Bill. Ultimately, the Bill is going to come back from the Senate; we'll be able to vote on the House Floor for the Bill before it goes to the Governor. I think we should be able to accommodate the Sponsor, just like I would accommodate you if you wanted to move a shell Bill because you had an idea that you wanted to move forward, but was

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not ready and we're just moving the process forward. I say we vote for this and accommodate the Sponsor."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 386?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, this Bill having received 54 'aye', 53 'no', and 3 'presents, is declared lost. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Walker, for what reason do you rise?"

Walker: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Walker: "In the gallery today are guests that I'd like you to welcome, from St. Raymond's School, St. Colette's School, and St. Emily's School in my district. They're back in the gallery, this direction."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. The Lady from Cook, Representative Bassi, for what reason do you rise?"

Bassi: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Bassi: "Actually, St. Collette's is in my district, so, please, a big Springfield welcome to St. Collette's, hello."

Speaker Turner: "One more time. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "In the interest of good government, Mr. Speaker, I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "State your inquiry."

Black: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, on two different occasions I asked the Chair why you refused to follow House

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Rule 18. That clearly says in odd numbered years, all Bills will be referred from the Rules Committee to a substantive committee in three days. That has not happened. I noticed a Democrat Bill has been filed since December... pre-filed still isn't out of Rules Committee. I also brought up Robert's Rules of Order, since we cannot get an answer we don't know what Motion to make. We can make a Motion to Discharge several Bills. There are other items that we might pursue, but the Chair, in not only violation of House Rule 18, but in violation of Robert's Rules of Order, which clearly says in the House Rules, that is to be the definitive guideline. It says you must give us an answer as to why you are not following House Rule 18. We just want to know what the guidelines are so that we can plan our Motion as best we can. You said you would get an answer to us by the close of business yesterday and we did not get that answer."

Speaker Turner: "I apologize, Representative, we had adjourned and I did reach out for you before we left the building. Shortly after I made the Adjournment Resolution, I thought that Representative Currie may have had some information for us at that time, but you had just stepped out of the chamber when I reached out to you. Representative Currie, would you... Representative Currie..."

Currie: "Thank you. What was the question, Speaker?"

Speaker Turner: "Representative Black..."

Black: "I'm sorry, I didn't see the Majority Leader in the Chair. Is it generally permissible for somebody from the floor to address an inquiry to the Chair?"

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Speaker Turner: "Well, Representative, in this... the Motion that you're inquiring about is in the Rules Committee, and as chair of the Rules Committee, I thought that it would be appropriate for her to respond."

Black: "We have an inquiry to the presiding officer of the House, not to the chair of the Rules Committee. She is not the definitive... in this inquiry, she is not the definitive arbiter of the question, the Chair is."

Speaker Turner: "Do you want to state your question..."

Black: "You are the presiding officer."

Speaker Turner: "State your question again, Representative."

Black: "We're simply asking, is it the intent of the Chair to inform the Democrat Majority that you will follow House Rule 18, which you have already violated on more than a hundred occasions or will you do your best to follow House Rule 18 before we get into the final week of committee hearings? It's a rather simple inquiry."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, the matter is under review and..."

Black: "Mr. Speaker..."

Speaker Turner: "Hopefully, before the day is over I can give you..."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, no, I'm not going to put up with that. You did that to me yesterday. Under Robert's Rules of Order, which now I have to go to because you will not answer our inquiry. We have every right under House Rules and Robert's Rules of Order to expect an answer to our inquiry. We are running out of time and I'm not going to go away until I get an answer as to why you refuse to

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follow House Rule 18. We have a right to know that; we have an obligation to find that out."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, I said that I would get back to you. The immediate remedy is... that if you want to file a Motion to Discharge, we will then consider your Motion, and we can then move forward."

Black: "We will file a Motion to Discharge on every Bill on the Calendar that was not reported out in three days, and every Bill that is still in the Rules Committee that has not met the requirements of House Rule 18. And we will hold your feet to the fire; every Bill will be debated individually. If what you're telling me is true, you do not intend to answer our question, you do not intend to follow the rules of the House. You leave us then no choice, no choice, and I hope Representative Farnham will join with us. If we want to clean this process up, I think it's beyond and past time that we do this process in accordance with the House Rules. There is nothing more important than this process. The process is more important than the Chair, it is more important than the Speaker, it's far more important than I. We just don't understand why you abjectly refuse to follow the rules of the procedure and process. If you want us to file discharge Motions, that's fine, you leave us no choice, but I want the record to reflect that I'm extremely disappointed that the Chair will not answer our inquiry, not even tell us why you have deliberately chosen not to follow the rules that you wrote, your side of the aisle wrote, your side of the aisle passed on a partisan Roll Call, and then you subject me to a freshmen Representative

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talking down to me about what we have to do to clean up this process. I'll tell you what we have to do to clean up this process; we clean up our own House. And for some reason, Mr. Speaker, although I hold you in the highest regard, for some reason the Majority Party does not want to focus inward and clean up our own House. You don't want to have a special election; you won't even let it be debated. You won't even send it to committee. This said... have we learned nothing, Mr. Speaker? Have we learned nothing? I thought we were coming out of the darkness and the wilderness of the last 6 years. Couldn't we just agree to work together and clean up this mess? It's embarrassing, it's embarrassing not only to me personally, I would hope to all of us in this chamber. And I think... I think from what I've heard and what I've read, it's embarrassing to the people of the State of Illinois that we refuse to clean up our own House."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Macon, Representative Mitchell, for what reason so you rise?"

Mitchell, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Mitchell, B.: "Right behind me in this gallery, we have three young folks, eighth grade, if they'd stand up, from Holy Family Parish in Decatur, Illinois. Let's give them an Illinois House welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. The Lady from Will, Representative Senger, for what reason do you rise?"

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Senger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a point of privilege, I'd like to recognize on my left, the contingency from Naperville, the Naperville... the Naperville cha... chamber."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. Page 12 of the Calendar, on the Order of Third Readings, we have House Bill 394, Representative Brady. Out of the record. We have House Bill 404, Representative Will Davis. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 404, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 404 is a Bill that I asked the Department of Public Health to designate a member of their staff to adequately address issues surrounding chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, which is quietly becoming one of the leading killers here in the State of Illinois. What these staff person's duties may include: increase COPD advocacy among its patients, improve data collection and surveillance systems, provide information and remove barriers regarding medical care and diagnostic services, increased programming related to education about COPD, and to raise awareness amongst the public, media, and Legislators about COPD as a major health issue. Those are the main tenets of the legislation, but again, we're asking the Department of Public Health to designate someone to focus specifically on the issues surrounding COPD. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan, for what reason do you rise?"

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

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Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Mulligan: "Representative Davis, this... our analysis says this is not subject to appropriations, so... you're expecting this to be done whether there's money for it or not?"

Davis, W.: "Well, we're expecting the department to make that... to ask someone to... designate someone to do this. So we're not asking them to hire a new person, we're asking them to utilize their existing staff to be able to do this. There is an appropriations component to it that's starting in the Senate and hopefully, will get passed out and come over to the House, asking for some additional resources that could be used to fund this person if that's what the department desires to do. But this particular Bill is not asking them to hire a new person... a new person to do it, simply asking them to use their existing staff to focus on these particular issues."

Mulligan: "I don't disagree with you that this is an important issue. What I do disagree with you, is the way that you're going about it. I don't think that the department has quite enough people, and there are a number of initiatives similar to yours for different diseases and types of things that need to be looked at. I think we'd be better off lumping them all together into one group called chronic disease management, and then putting a person or two there, and using it so that you would put together one brochure with all of them. You would maximize you money and... rather than do this piecemeal, one at a time, which is what we're doing currently. I don't disagree with you on the importance of this, but I would prefer to see all of these



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issues together in a cost effective way where they actually will address it. So... I presume I'll probably support your Bill, but I don't like the way it will happen, if it happens in the Senate. I think there's a much better way of doing it. I'd like to put this on the record because usually Bills are reviewed by a Governor's staff or someone, and maybe they'll use this idea as a way of combining all the initiatives that people have out there into one program that would be a better program."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 404?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 110 Members voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Gentleman from McLean, Representative Brady, you have House Bill 394. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 394, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 394 is an initiative of the Department of Insurance. It's simply a piece of legislation that with the bookkeeping aspects of things, has to once again file this legislation in order to be in

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compliance with certain statutes of the insurance industry.  
And I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 394?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 110 Members voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair. Since we cannot get an answer to your apparent decision to not follow the rules of the House, I have filed a Motion to Discharge in writing at the well. And at this point, Mr. Speaker, you leave me no choice, under House Rule 18(g), I move the discharge of House Bill 2503 from the House Rules Committee. It's already supposed to have been reported out under the House Rules, but it hasn't. Under House Rule 54(g), subsection 2, all Motions are assigned standard debate status. And I wish to debate my Motion to Discharge. Upon the conclusion of this debate, I would ask for a recorded Roll Call vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49, any vote shall be by a recorded vote whenever five Representatives shall so request. I believe there are five Members on my side of the aisle to join me in asking that a recorded vote be taken. That is my Motion, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, for what reason do you rise?"

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, just to announce that I object to the Motion."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Kendall, Representative... Leader Cross, for what reason do you rise?"

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'm... go back a little bit Representative... Representative Black's earlier inquiry of the Chair that I think is relevant to this. Why are we having difficulty getting this Bill out of Rules? Can we get an answer? We've got... we've asked this, I think, everyday now for the last week to 10 days. Your own side of the aisle has a comparable Bill, there are a number of people that has signed onto that Bill as cosponsors who are on the record saying they're for special elections. I'm not going to name them on the House Floor; that's public record. But... clearly, there are enough people in this chamber who say they're for special elections. Everybody on this side of the aisle is for a special election. And I... Mr. Speaker, I'm just curious why we can't even get this Bill assigned to a committee for a vote, given the fact that, at least allegedly, I know how sometimes people say they're for something and then they really aren't, and they hide behind somebody else, but you're either for special elections or you're not. And if you say you are, I would like to see... stand up and support our motion. People seem to be playing both sides of the fence on this. And for a pretty delicate issue and a pretty sensitive issue and... an issue involving the United States Senate and the seat of

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former Senator Barack Obama's, to play political games seems a little disheartening. So, I go back to my original question, Mr. Speaker, why have we not gotten an answer on why you're not moving this Bill?"

Speaker Turner: "Well, Representative, I first tried to answer the question by saying that we would.. this issue has been referred to the Rules Committee, and when I recognized the chairperson of the Rules Committee to give an explanation as to what the status and what is happening with that legislation, I was told that that's not a question that can be answered at this time. Your question certainly can be.. I would refer again to the Rules Committee chairperson to respond to. I did share with one of the previous speakers that you do have the option of filing.. and a written to Motion to Discharge from committee has been filed. I do have it here at the well. I also intend to request the recommendation that a Roll Call vote be taken on this discharge Motion. And in fact there has been an objection to the discharge Motion, but it is the intent of the chair to have a roll Call vote on a discharge Motion. Regarding the legislation itself and it's status and the Rules Committee chair, if you care to hear from the chairperson of the Rules Committee.."

Cross: "Sure, that's fine."

Speaker Turner: "...and you consider that relevant."

Cross: "And I.. I thought we had a fairly healthy discussion on the rules when they were enacted. And if I'm not mistaken, I'm not an expert on the rules like Representative Black. I thought we were all told that every Bill would be

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assigned to a committee. Now again, to those of you on the other side of the aisle who've told everybody you're for special elections, and you've signed on as a cosponsor, now's your opportunity to let us know how serious you are about special elections. Are you for special elections or are you just saying you're for special elections? And we are probably going to have a Motion on a discharge vote and that's maybe the best we get. But if you're really for special elections, I would think you would join us in asking why we can't even General Election this Bill assigned to a committee. So, are we going to get an answer from the chairman of the Rules, Mr. Speaker, on why to this date we have yet to even have this Bill assigned to Rules?"

Speaker Turner: "Representative, it's under review according to the Rules Committee..."

Cross: "It's been under review, Mr. Speaker, for some time."

Speaker Turner: "I understand. I understand and let me..."

Cross: "And I'm not aiming this at you in any means personally, but I'm just..."

Speaker Turner: "No, I understand you, let me..."

Cross: "I mean you run the clock out and then we're going to get, well, it's too late, and... it's really a moot point, but let's not worry about it, let's just... it's all kind of gone away. Don't you guys worry about it. But I would like to get an explanation on why it's under advisement and why it's not been assigned to a committee and when will it be assigned to a committee?"

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. First of all, you know, this is... my second day in the Chair, so... and this new

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Rules Committee book that you... that we're so eloquently debating today is one that I'm still reviewing. So I want to make it perfectly clear, and I think the rules do say, that on a Motion to Discharge from the committee, if it does not have unanimous consent, then that Motion fails."

Cross: "Right."

Speaker Turner: "And so a Roll Call vote is not necessary on... in fact, I cannot have a Roll Call vote on that discharge Motion. What we can have is a vote to overrule the Chair and that's the vote that if... that we currently can take on the floor."

Cross: "Fair enough. I understand that, but what I would like... and I can do it now or I can do it after the vote. I think we all know... we understand the rules, Mr. Speaker, I'm not questioning how you're handling it at all. You do an excellent job in the Chair. But my question is, when can we expect, if we're going to follow the House Rules, when this Bill will be assigned to committee, per the House Rules?"

Speaker Turner: "Representative, that Motion... that question that you're asking me is up to the Rules Committee. The chairperson of the Rules Committee has stated on a couple of occasions now, that that Motion is still being... or that Bill is still being under consideration in the committee, and as soon as the Rules Committee has completed their work it will be referred or assigned to a committee."

Cross: "So let me ask... and again I apologize, Mr. Speaker, you happen to be in the middle of this, and we're not getting any cooperation... we're not getting an answer other than,

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you're relaying it. Can we expect, in a timely manner, this Bill being assigned to a real committee with a real vote taking place? What's the timeline on that? Or maybe another alternative way to ask this is, how long will this be taken under advisement? Is this going to be a three, four, or five month advisement period or is this a matter of an hour or two?"

Speaker Turner: "Representative, I do know for a fact that the Rules Committee will be meeting later today. I am a Member of that committee..."

Cross: "You're a good Member. You do a good job."

Speaker Turner: "...and I will make it a point this afternoon, when the Rules Committee meet, to ask that very question. Because I..."

Cross: "Well, can I... can we ask the chairperson right now if she intends to have a vote on that and assign it to committee? We know who controls the Rules Committee. You've told us that every Bill is going to get assigned to a committee. Our mistake perhaps was assuming that maybe it doesn't happen in a timely manner, but I'd like to get an answer on when we can expect this Bill to be assigned to committee. We play this game everyday. We come out here, we ask what's going to happen, you tell us it's under advisement and we just... we're all supposed to forget about it. No more. Let's find out when it's going to get assigned to a committee. Maybe we can ask the chairperson, right now."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, while the chairperson is seeking an answer to your question, I'd like to recognize..."

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Cross: "Who are you going to recognize, the chairperson of Rules?"

Speaker Turner: "She wasn't next in line. I was getting ready to recognize Representative Bost."

Cross: "All right. Well... let's... if you can... with all due respect to Representative Bost, let's get an answer to my question. When are we going to get this Bill assigned to Rules? Let's just get it... let's find out whether we're for special elections or we're just going to play a game the rest of Session and we're not going to have a vote on it. If that's the way it is, just tell us. Tell us you're not for a special election. Let's just be done with it. Tell us this Bill's dead. Just let us know. If you're going to kill it and you're not going to let it see the light of day, and you're not for special elections, even though you're all or many of you are signed on as cosponsors, just tell us you really don't mean that and we're not going to have a special election in the State of Illinois. We're not even going to have a vote on it. Just let us know now. So, we'll quit going around saying we're for special elections on our side... over there on your side, I should say. I'd like to just get an answer then I'll defer to Representative Bost after the answer, if you don't mind."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, the chairperson has advised the Chair that your issue is under consideration. Rules Committee is meeting this afternoon, my assumption is... and as I've told you..."

Cross: "That's what you told us yesterday."



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Speaker Turner: "I will ask the question when we go to the Rules Committee. I'm willing to ask the same question you're asking right now."

Cross: "Why... why can't I ask that same question right now on the House Floor in front of everybody, as opposed to in a back room? Get an answer; what the intentions are of the chair. Is it going to be... the chair of the Rules, is it going to be assigned to a committee today? Real simple or are we going to take it under advisement one more day, get out of town on tomorrow, and then we'll... you know hopefully it's all going to go away. It's... Mr. Speaker, with all due respect to you, I... I'll say it again, I apologize for pushing this with you, but I'd like to get... I don't know who the chair of Rules is, let's just get an answer. I thought Gary Hannig left. And anyone on your side... on the other side that's for special elections, you're welcome to join us on this. Many of you are cosponsors. You know, now's a good time to get up and... I assume if you're a Sponsor of a Bill, you'd like to see this Bill assigned to committee. So now's as good a time as any to get up and join and help us out a little bit here."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, you know that the chair of the Rules Committee has had quite a bit going on. And not only the chair of the Rules Committee, this entire Body has experienced a lot in the last couple days. In fact, the Rules Committee lost one of its Members who has retired, and I'm not certain if, in fact, that vacancy has been filled at this point. And so the Rules Committee in itself is still sort of reorganizing. I don't know who the

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permanent Member is that's been assigned, but I know that there's been an awful lot happening here in the General Assembly over the last couple of days. And so in fairness to the Rules Committee, it is a committee that's been sort of incomplete, if I may use that term. There has had... been a vacancy there and I think that... you know, the consideration of a temporary or permanent Member; I don't think that has been decided at this point. And so, there are a lot of issues before the Rules Committee, and I can only say that as I said earlier, the committee will be meeting again this afternoon. The chairperson..."

Cross: "So, as we sit here today, we're going to take it under advisement one more day. It appears we're not going to have the special election Bill that Republicans and Democrats allegedly support, allegedly under the term Democrats. But yet we can't get it assigned to a committee. We all know in this chamber, in the state, what the Rules Committee really does. They assign, if they follow the rules, Bills to committee. They're told what to do and... and we're getting the run around, on one of the most significant issues this state has ever faced and may ever face again in the history of this state. And in many ways, the very reason we're in trouble today as a state, in terms of blocking stuff, a few people making decisions, a few people deciding what they think is best for this state, is the very reason we can't even have a vote on a special election Bill. And I think what's become very troubling is, those of you on the other side of the aisle that go out to the press and tell everybody you're for special

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elections, and you've done nothing to get this Bill out. You've sat idly by. It begs the question whether or not you're really for special elections, or you're just trying to get a press pop. I... amazed that we cannot even get an answer on a simple question about when this thing is going to get assigned to committee. But... it's nice to have a lot of power. It's nice to abuse that power, it's nice to continue the arrogance and the brazen attitude that you'll do whatever you feel like doing at the expense of the people of the State of Illinois. Sad day, I don't think we've learned a single thing over the last few months."

Speaker Turner: "We will ask the gallery to please refrain from... The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost, for what reason do you rise?"

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that if... if the gallery remains silent the state itself is going to begin to cry out. Folks, once again, once again, I explained to the new freshmen when they came in the problem that exists with this one rule. Now, what we have is, we have an issue that your citizens in your district strongly support and that is a special election to try to cure this problem, to try to put trust back in government. You say that's what you want. Now, here's the procedure and how it's happened. The Majority Leader, she has just said that she objects, then we go through this procedure and well... because it takes unanimous consent, I haven't figured out how in the world it is that in a democracy we do that, but at any rate, it takes unanimous consent, and then all of a sudden your options as an elected official are taken away from

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you. You might be for it, you might be against it, but as it is, you're not even going to have a chance to debate it. Now, the one option that you do have is when we move to override the Chair, stand with us and do that. Override the Chair and let's take back control of this House. Let's take back control of the state. And let's have honest elections and allow the people to make the choices. Folks, go to your coffee shops and tell them you're for it. Go ahead, go to your coffee shops, your beauty shops, your barber shops, up and down the streets or in parade routes, while you're out campaigning. And you say, you know what, we need a special election that would cure this problem, I'm for that. And then you go back and say, well, you know, the Leadership, they... they wouldn't let that out. But then when you have the opportunity to vote to override that Leadership, you choose not to. Folks, don't go back and tell them, oh, well, that was just a procedural move. You can't do that and be honest. You can't do that and say I'm for this special election and then choose not to do everything you can to make sure that the Bill gets on the floor where it can be debated and you can make that vote. I think those people... I really do believe that you're more honest than that. Don't fall into this trap. When the motion is made to override the Chair, support it."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Ford, for what reason do you rise?"

Ford: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. I rise to acknowledge a good friend that when I won my election, he called me on the second day and took me to lunch. And..."

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that is Representative John Fritchey. I welcome him back for a well ran race, and I... it's a bittersweet thing, but we know it was a special election and it was a very low turnout and it cost the taxpayers a lot of money, but you did a great job and it's a bittersweet thing. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, John, and welcome back. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Did I just hear the Representative Fritchey was in a special election? My goodness, I... no, seriously, it's good to have him back and it'll be good to have Sara back. But a special election, imagine that. Mr. Speaker, I would hope that I could have the attention of the Body 'cause I'd like to speak from my heart. You know there are... there are people who think, or who have been told that I take some perverse pleasure in doing this. You may think that, but nothing is further from the truth. An inquiry of the Chair and rules debates... you have to invest a lot of psychic and emotional energy. And I'm now at an age where I don't have that much, quite frankly, to go around. I don't have a mausoleum with anything written on it, but I... I would hope that when I leave this world somebody would at least leave a note on my grave that I cared about the process. And the process is more important than any individual in this chamber. The process is supposed to allow for the rights of the Minority Party to be respected and when those rights are not respected, supposed to allow for the right of the Minority, I say in obligation of the Minority Party, to indicate or

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to ask that our rights be respected. I think the rules of the House should be followed. You know, Mr. Speaker, this whole chapter beginning with the impeachment has not been a glory, a day, or a few weeks in which the State of Illinois has covered itself with great glory and great statesmanship. The flip flop... flip flops, on the issue of a special election, would be funny if it weren't so serious. Your Party called for an election. We were called, all of us were called to Springfield 10 days before Christmas, to come down here to vote on a special election. The Election Committee was constituted to meet the day after we were called here. We get down here and all of that changed. We weren't given an explanation why, nobody was, it just didn't happen. And then people changed their minds, well, maybe we shouldn't have a special election. Maybe the new Governor could appoint a Senator. The new Governor called for a special election. The new Governor called for the current Senator... the junior Senator from Illinois to step down. And then Sunday he says, well, maybe not. I don't know where Dick Durbin is today. He's been for an election, against an election, for an election, against seating Senator Burris, for seating Senator Burris. This isn't a real proud chapter in Illinois history. If you don't want a special election, or you don't think it's necessary, or as you have told the press repeatedly why it would cost fifty million, a hundred million, ten billion. That's alright, put it in a stimulus package, we could pay for it tomorrow morning. What's the cost of not having a special election? I think we're all beginning to pay that

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price. Well, Mr. Speaker, I have... I have an intensely personal family matter that I'm going to be leaving very shortly to attend to, so I don't take any pleasure in standing on this floor and getting into a rules battle with you that I've had many times in the past and we never win, we know that, we're the Minority Party; we're not going to win. But I really think the issue that we've asked you to consider today in following House Rule 18, and in allowing the assignment of a special election Bill to a committee, you can send it to any committee you want, it doesn't have to go to Elections if you don't want it to, go to Exec. You can send it to a committee where you can defeat that Bill easily and in a matter of minutes. But to deny people on both sides of the aisle the right to at least express their opinion in a vote, I don't think serves this call for reform very well. You can't keep this bottled up forever. Editorial writers across the state have caught on to what goes on down here. I thought maybe we would really, really, and honestly learn from the debacle, absolute debacle of the last six years. And that we would make a conscientious effort to come together and try and do what I have seen this Body do on more than one occasion; put aside these petty differences... these are political differences. Somebody in the Democrat party decided, uh oh, we may lose that special election. In November you told us we couldn't win an election to anything for the next 10 years, so what were you afraid of? So, for two days I've sat up here and asked that you simply follow your rules. We don't get an answer, it's under advisement, it's under review. So we

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have filed a Motion to Discharge on the special election Bill. I don't know whether it'll come out of Rules this afternoon or not, but Mr. Speaker, in all due respect to you, when you said the Rules Committee has a Membership problem... you substitute... your side of the aisle substitutes on the Rules Committee constantly. Almost every time we meet, there's a substitute. Our side of the aisle has to have substitutes; when we're in committee and so forth. So that's not the issue, we both know that. This could have been addressed, and should have been addressed and I don't know what anybody thinks you gain by just refusing to allow a vote on a critical issue. As I said the other day, you're playing a basketball game with no shot clock. You're holding the ball and eventually the time will run out and the score will be zero to zero; nobody wins and in my opinion, everybody loses. The process loses. We're seen as incapable or unwilling to address the problems that this state faces. I think we're better than that. I think, collectively, we're better than that, but so often the Majority Party will not give us the opportunity to show that we're better than that. You refuse... you refuse to let us vote. You refuse to give us an equal voice on too many occasions in this House Floor. That's the old way of doing things, let's find a new way. We've just gone through a very traumatic chapter in Illinois history. Why do we want to make the same mistakes? Leader Cross has told you from the inauguration of this General Assembly on, he is willing to work with the Democrat Leadership in this House. He's willing to have the House Republican Caucus work with the



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Democrat Caucus. He will go anywhere, anytime to meet with any of you to see how we can jointly address the problems of this state that are growing day by day. We've asked that we discuss budget cuts and budget reductions. Nope, can't do that, not ready to do that. Can't do this, can't... can't debate a special election. Capital Bill: we'll get to that when we get to that. That's the way we've done things here for too long. I simply join with the House Republican Leader in asking that you, all of you... the real speaker isn't here, maybe it will give some of you some sunshine courage. Vote for the discharge; vote the Motion to overrule the Chair. Tell your Leadership. I know... I know it's not comfortable; I've been on the opposite side of the Republican Leadership on 3 of 4 occasions in my 20 years here. It's not a comfortable feeling but sometimes you have to do what you think is right. I think this is one of those defining issues that we all need to do what we think is right. If you're for a special election, vote for this Motion, vote to overrule the Chair. Let's debate the special election; it will pass or it will fail. It's that simple. But hiding behind, under review, under advisement, we won't face this problem, I'm equally as guilty as anybody here, for six years while I was a critic of the previous administration, none of us did enough."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, bring your remarks to a close."

Black: "Certainly, Mr. Speaker. No one in this chamber did enough during those six years. Could we have avoided some of the problems? Perhaps. Should we have avoided some of

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the problems? Yes. All too often we decided not to or we were not given an opportunity to do so. Are we going to continue down that path or are we going to try to live by the House rules? Give everybody on this floor and equal opportunity to present their ideas; to represent our constituents who bring ideas to us, they expect to be able to testify on their Bill. What am I supposed to tell people who brought Bills to me that don't get assigned to committee? And they call every week. This week, can I come down and testify, this week, can I come down and testify? No, it didn't get out of Rules, didn't get out of Rules. Why not? I don't know. That is not the way we should be doing the public's business here. In all due respect to the Chair and all due respect to my colleagues, I ask that you give serious consideration. This Motion is not superfluous, it's not made in any kind of jest, it's not made to embarrass anyone, just simply says follow the rules. We have a special election Bill; we'd like it to be assigned to committee. It gets voted on, if it passes we'll bring it to the floor, if it fails we won't. Is that so much to ask? You're going to get an opportunity to vote here shortly. I hope some of you will put your vote where your public comments have been. It's time to do that."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Black."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, since the Majority Leader, my good friend, and I mean that sincerely, we've worked on Bills in the past; we're working on Bills this Session. Since she has objected to our Motion, under House Rule 57(a), I move to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the Motion to Discharge

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has been objected to and cannot be considered. I would ask that we have a Roll Call vote on our Motion to Discharge House Bill 2503 from the Rules Committee and would ask that in all due respect to the Chair. And I thank you for your indulgence."

Speaker Turner: "So, Ladies and Gentlemen, the... recognize... the Motion before the Body is whether the Chair should be sustained. Representative Black has moved to overrule the Chair and so, the question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' Mr. Clerk, the question is, 'Shall the... shall the Chair be sustained?' And all those is favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 64 voting 'aye', 46 voting 'no', and the Chair is sustained. Representative Bradley, Gentleman from Williamson, for what reason do you rise?"

Bradley, J.: "Purpose of an announcement. Everyone will be very disappointed that the Revenue and Finance Committee and all subcommittees for tomorrow is canceled."

Speaker Turner: "Oh."

Bradley, J.: "I know."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Fritchey, for what reason do you rise?"

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker, point of personal privilege. Just real briefly, with all this discussion of special elections, folks, having just gotten done with one yesterday, let me tell you, they're not all that special."

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Speaker Turner: "We're glad you're here. The Lady from Will, Representative Kosel, for what reason do you rise?"

Kosel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege. I would like to welcome to the floor a ten-year Member of the General Assembly, Larry Wennland is with us today in the back of the chamber, my constituent, my predecessor."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Wennland, welcome back. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Will Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

Davis, W.: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I ask for leave of the Body to suspend the posting requirements to allow the Health Disparities Committee to meet tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. in Room 114 of the Capitol. I have gotten permission to make this request from the Minority spokesperson, Representative Coulson."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman seeks leave and leave is granted. Mr. Clerk, other committee cancelations? Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 146, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 147, offered by Representative Senger. House Resolution 148, offered by Representative Senger. House Resolution 149, offered by Representative Sacia. And House Resolution 150, offered by Representative Mulligan."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye', all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'aye's have it and the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Representative Will Davis, the Gentleman from Cook."

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Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to acknowledge that today is the birthday of my seatmate, Representative Al Riley. Please give him a round of applause."

Speaker Turner: "Happy birthday, Al. The Lady from DuPage, Representative Bellock, for what reason do you rise?"

Bellock: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Bellock: "Thank you. I think... we missed two important people on our side of the aisle's birthdays, too. Representative Susie Bassi and Representative Jil Tracy. So, I'd like to give them a round of applause for their birthdays."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Tracy, Representative Bassi, happy birthday to both of you. Seeing no further comments, Representative Currie now moves that the House stands adjourned until Thursday, March 5, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House will stand adjourned until Thursday, March 5, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. And the House is now adjourned."

Clerk Bolin: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 145, offered by Representative Froehlich. This Resolution is automatically referred to the House Rules Committee. Committee Reports. Representative Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 04, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 21, House Bill 272, House Bill 628, House Bill 1106, and House Bill 2619; 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill

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684, House Bill 740, House Bill 900, House Bill 979, House Bill 1361, House Bill 2254, House Bill 2321, House Bill 2448, House Bill 2508, House Bill 2509, and House Bill 2530. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability and Access, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 03, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 1033; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for House Bill 810. Representative Washington, Chairperson from the Committee on Prison Reform, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 03, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' for House Bill 45. Representative Froehlich, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 03, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 768, House Bill 873, House Bill 2410, and House Bill 2451. Representative Colvin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 03, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for House Bill 604. Representative Verschoore, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 03, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short

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Debate' for House Bill 2251, House Bill 2294, House Bill 2442, House Bill 2454, House Bill 2533, and House Bill 2546. Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 03, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 2626. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 03, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 2275. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 04, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bills 1362 through 2233; House Bills 2701 through House Bill 3605 and House Bill 722, House Bill 845, House Bill 1389, House Bill 2239, House Bill 2240, House Bill 2241, House Bill 2242, House Bill 2370, House Bill 2425 and House Bill 2544 and House Bill 2243; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for House Bill 1306, House Bill 1351, House Bill 2259, House Bill 2300, House Bill 2301, House Bill 2343, and House Bill 2654. Representative Jakobsson, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 04, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 416, House Bill 2318, House Bill 2382, House Bill 2383,

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House Bill 2401, and House Bill 2634; 'do pass Standard Debate' for House Bill 419, House Bill 2514; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for House Bill 436, House Bill 544, House Bill 1132, and House Bill 2481. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Vehicles & Safety, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 04, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 678, House Bill 2320, House Bill 2455; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for House Bill 642, House Bill 2598. Representative Lang, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 04, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 821, House Bill 1336, House Bill 1439, House Bill 2280, House Bill 2283, House Bill 2341, House Bill 2424, House Bill 2510, and House Bill 2573; 'do pass Standard Debate' for House Bill 936. Representative Reitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 04, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 382, House Bill 1327, House Bill 2286, and House Bill 2548; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' for House Bill 563, House Bill 1010, House Bill 1293, House Bill 2443, and House Bill 2444. Introduction and First Reading of Bills. House Bill 4333, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4334, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an



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Act concerning finance. House Bill 4335, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4336, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4337, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. And House Bill 4338, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."