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- Speaker Miller: "The House will come to order. We shall be led in prayer today by the Reverend Darrell Bendorf, who's the pastor of the Harvard Bible Church in Chemung, Illinois. Reverend Bendorf is the guest of Representative Franks. 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 Bendorf: "Almighty God, we begin this Session by acknowledging Your goodness and greatness, Your justice and We ask for wisdom and quidance for our state's lawmakers, our judges, and our Governor. We ask for safety for our fellow Illinois citizens who serve in the military and defend our nation. Thank You for the men and women who have been elected to be in this Legislative Body. Grant Your blessing upon them and their families. We pray that our nation, which has been constituted to protect the cherished liberties and inalienable rights received from You, will long endure on the earth and that we will remember Your Commandments and Your ways. We pray for Your wisdom and guidance in this day's Session of the Illinois House of Representatives. And now, may to You, God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever, Amen."
- Speaker Miller: "We will be led by the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Harry Osterman."
- Osterman 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."

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Speaker Miller: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Barbara Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Will Davis, Harris, and Rita are excused today."

Speaker Miller: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Durkin, Mathias, and Mulligan are excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

Speaker Miller: "With 110 answering the roll, a quorum is established. The Gentleman from McLean, Representative Dan Brady, seeks recognition."

Brady: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Miller: "State your point."

Brady: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'm joined by Senator Bill Brady in a special recognition today of two outstanding teams... or outstanding individuals on a team. First off, I'd like to introduce from our legislative district, the 2008 Class A state champion female cross country runner, Miss Kelly Curran. And Kelly placed first in the 2008 Regional Champions, first in the 2008 Sectional Championship, and is the fastest Class A female in the high school category, with a 17.27 state title first place Please welcome Kelly Curran, up in the right. finish. Congratulations Kelly, thank you very much for being the fastest girl in state cross country in the State of Illinois in Class A. Also, Senator Brady and I have the distinct honor to introduce the 2008 Class 4-A, State Champion, Bloomington Central Catholic Saints to my right,

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Ladies and Gentlemen. The Saints finished 14-0 on the season, were Cornbelt Champions, and are the Class 4-A State Champions. And Ladies and Gentlemen, they're the first school in IHSA history to win state titles in four classes; 1-A, 2-A, 3-A, and now 4-A. They are joined by their head coach, Bobby Moews, assistant coach Doug Moews, assistant coach Jimmy Malinowski, and some other members and coaches of the team as well. And I also, Ladies and Gentlemen, have the pleasure for the last 20 years or more, being the voice on the PA of the Central Catholic Saints. And as we like to say at Saints Field, the Bill Hundman Memorial Field, 'Ladies and Gentlemen, your Central Catholic Saints'."

Speaker Miller: "Congratulations and welcome to Springfield.

The Gentleman from Morgan, Representative Watson, seeks recognition."

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

Speaker Miller: "State your point."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 285, offered by Representative Watson, congratulates the Turner Lady Titans 7th grade volleyball team of Jonathan Turner Junior High School in Jacksonville, on winning first place in the state volleyball tournament."

Speaker Miller: "Representative Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, please welcome coach Paula Stewart, and the Turner Titans 7th grade champions in volleyball for the State of Illinois. Thank you, girls."

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Speaker Miller: "Representative... Representative Watson moves the adoption of the Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. The Gentleman from DeKalb, Representative Pritchard, seeks recognition."

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

Speaker Miller: "State your point."

Pritchard: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I draw your attention to the Speaker's Gallery, while they're not officially state champion debaters; we have a group of 7th and 8th graders who did a wonderful job of debating one of the Bills that we had here on the House Floor dealing with transfats. This group comes to us through the courtesy of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, who brings a group of 7th and 8th graders. This group happens to be from Somonauk Christian, Somonauk Middle School, Sycamore Middle Schools, Sandwich Middle School, and St. Mary's School in Sycamore. They're here to see the Legislature in action, and to share their voices on critical issues for Illinois. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Miller: "Congratulations and welcome to Springfield.

The Lady from Lake, Representative Osmond, seeks recognition."

Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Miller: "State your inquiry."

Osmond: "I'm reviewing our House Calendar today, and there seems to be four to six Bills that were extended. Is this a misprint, because you had advised us that no Bills would

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be extended after the two weeks before. Is this a misprint?"

Speaker Miller: "To my knowledge, it's not a misprint."

Osmond: "How would you go about extending a Bill? What is the process that we need to do?"

Speaker Miller: "One second, Representative."

Osmond: "Thank you."

Speaker Miller: "Representative, did you contact the chairman of the Rules Committee, in regarding to any legislation?"

Osmond: "Did I personally, no, but other Members on my side of the aisle did. And they were told there was no extensions going to be allowed."

Speaker Miller: "Thank you."

Osmond: "So, your suggestion is that we contact the chairman of the Rules Committee?"

Speaker Miller: "Yes."

Osmond: "Thank you."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens, seeks recognition."

Stephens: "Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Miller: "State your inquiry."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, who are we... who are we supposed to believe? We were told from your Chair, by the Speaker of the House, and the Majority Leader, who I believe is on the floor now, the chairman of the Rules Committee, that there were going to be no extensions of deadlines of Bills. You know, and we... every time we ask these sort of questions, we're told, well, Representative, the plan changed. The plan changed. You know, down in my part of the state, we

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just call it what it is. We were lied to. We were lied to. Now, Speaker, we know it's not you. We're directing our remarks to the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader. Why do you not tell us the truth? If you're going to roll over us, you've got all the votes you need. Go ahead and roll over us, but why do you have to misspeak? Just tell us if you're going to abuse us. That's all we ask."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black, seeks recognition."

Black: "Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Miller: "State your inquiry."

Black: "I'd like some attention in the chamber. I'm not going to try and compete with all of the sidebar conversations going on on your side of the aisle. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. My inquiry of the Chair is on the same order of business that we've been on. And for my good friends on the other side of the aisle, perhaps you can answer the question. We were told by your Leadership, and I believe you were told, prior to Third-Reading deadline, there would be no extensions. No Bills would be extended. That is on the transcript, I'll get it if you want to hear it. At least one of our Members sent a letter to the Speaker asking him for an extension of a Bill. To this day he does not have a response. My highest priority Bill was not extended. I didn't write a letter; I've been here long enough. I assumed, and shame on me for assuming, that what you said was the truth. That no Bills would have a deadline extended. I come back yesterday, and there are

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six Bills whose deadline had been extended and they're all Democrat Bills. Not one Republican Bill, even though I'm aware of one of our Members who put forth that request in writing and he doesn't even have the courtesy of a reply. And all we get, and it's not directed at you Representative Miller, but to the Chair. We never get an answer. the hell kind of an answer is it when you say talk, talk, talk, talk, to the chair of the Rules Committee? What's she going to tell me? What is she going to tell me? deadline's past. Six of your Bills are extended, none of Particularly, to the person in the Chair, what's fair about that? What's right about that? What's honest about that? Don't any of us have any shame in this chamber? Are those of us on the Republican side relegated to be second-class citizens? You can't car... you can't carry the banner of the Party of change, the Party of equality, the Party of baloney, when you turn around and relegate half of the Members of this chamber to a secondclass status. I want to know what you're going to do about it. What are you going to do about it? Where's the fairness? Where is your ability to do what's right. of your Bills get extended and none of ours? What do you want me to tell the people who sent me down here? That I can't represent them because I'm a Republican. I'd think some of you people would be ashamed to go home and look at your constituents in the eye, when you know you are treated differently than any of us."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Winnebego, Representative Sacia, seeks recognition."

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Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I have a very short letter that I wrote to Speaker Madigan on April 6. 'Dear Speaker Madigan. On Wednesday, April 1, I presented House Bill 583, commonly known as the horse slaughter Bill to the House of Representatives. Though it did not pass, it did obtain the number of votes to be placed on Postponed Consideration. On April 2, Tim Mapes advised that it would not be addressed that day, but perhaps on the third. Needless to say, with the large number of Third Reading Bills, it did not get called. Speaker, this Bill is very important to me and my district, and safe to say for agriculture throughout the State of Illinois. Is there any possible way it could be recalled after we return on April 21? Thank you for consideration you can give this matter.' I read the letter because I believe it's the one that Representative Black was referring to. I assume the Speaker received it, as it did not come back to me as undeliverable, and it was delivered to his address at 6500 South Polaski in Chicago. I truly, again, on behalf of agriculture in Illinois, would love an opportunity to present this Bill on Postponed Consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Miller: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Bassi, seeks recognition."

Bassi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And to the same subject, again. I had written a letter requesting an extension of a Bill that I considered critical to the financial health of the RTA, asked for an extension, specifically talked to Representative Currie, as the President (sic-chair) of the

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Rules Committee, and she told me no Bills were to be extended in any way, shape, or form. My understanding is that this is the way that things were conducted in the Senate under Senator Emil Jones. I'm extremely disappointed to see that that's what's happening in the House. And I would request that the Speaker reconsider his position. Thank you."

Speaker Miller: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Barbara Currie."

"Thank you very much, Speaker, Members of the House. Currie: First, I hope you'll join me in welcoming Harry Osterman back to his appropriate spot. Yea, Harry. And second, this is a recommendation... a recommendation to all the Members of the House. This might be a good time for you, when you want to resuscitate your good ideas of the first half of spring Session, to begin a solid search for Senate Bills to which you can attach your good ideas, because we're now in that time of the year when we're looking at Senate Bills and they are looking at our House Bills. you might want to take your good ideas over to them, that they could perhaps amend some of them onto House Bills that are there. And you certainly are welcome to search the Calendar for Senate Bills in the appropriate arena, offer an Amendment. We have 40 days and 40 nights until the end of spring Session, and we have a lot to keep us busy."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Fritchey seeks recognition."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. Members of the Body, I'd just like to take a chance for all of us to congratulate the

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newest Member of the House Democratic Leadership team, Representative Daniel Burke. Congratulations, my friend."

Speaker Miller: "Congratulations, Representative Burke. The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost seeks recognition."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know the Minority... or the Majority's Leader's answer fine, just go ahead and find an So... so in other words, it's okay for the Amendment. Democrats to have their... their Bills extended, but now we need to go out and search. So maybe it is like Bill Black said, we are second-class citizens. In this bipartisan efforts that we talk about all over the state, about how we the Democrats are going to be bipartisan. Bipartisan bunk. You know what? She said 40 days and 40 nights. Is that what we're supposed to do? Why don't we just wander the days and 40 nights, trying to be wilderness for 40 delivered from your hard, strong-handed control? How long will this go on? And why is it that we, the people of the State of Illinois, are not rising up and sending a clear message about how it is you have ran this state into the ground? You have broke the state, you have broke the pension systems. Now you're going raise a huge tax, and you're all going to say, well, you just sit over there and don't worry about it. I wasn't even going to get involved in this debate, I know that surprises you. But to stand up and say, oh, well, you've got 40 days and 40 nights. Just go ahead, your Bills aren't really that important anyway, but hey, I'll tell you what, we'll... we'll work through the process, and maybe if you come over and just suck up to us,

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just right. Then that's all right, we may let something pass. What is this? What is this? And then you all sit there and you just talk and carry on your conversations like nothing's going on. When we, our people, every person we represent on this side of the aisle, is being ripped off, ripped off by Democrat control. Not only ripped off in the fact that they're not allowing our Bills to pass, but ripped off with the fact that you just continue to shove uncontrolled spending down the State of Illinois's throat, and now you're proposing a large tax increase. Go ahead, you're in charge, do it, but then reap what you sow. Take your 40 days and your 40 nights, and keep that control and be real clear about what you're doing to the citizens of the State of Illinois. Because I tell you what, I'm telling my constituents, and I'm telling those... I'm telling those constituents that are in your district as well, that they better pay attention, pay attention to all of a sudden how the Democrats are all for change and they're willing to help, and oh, my goodness. But yeah, you know, we've got 40 days and 40 nights. What the heck?"

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black seeks recognition."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Have... have you no shame on your side of the aisle. To sit here and tell us find a Senate Bill to amend on the Bills that we couldn't get extended, or weren't heard, is the most ridiculous thing I've heard in 23 years. Generally, the Bills weren't heard, or couldn't be extended, because you refused to allow... you,

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the Majority Leader, said no, that Bill will not be heard. That Bill will not be called. So, now we're supposed to find a Senate Bill, to put the Bill on. What, do we have some assurance now that the Bill will be called? You know, there's a simple matter of fairness that is absent from this process that no one should be happy with. Let me give you just one story about a Bill that I had. I have an 86year-old, retired firefighter in my district. prior to 19... January of 1976. I worked with Representative Moffitt on a Bill that would allow that 86-year-old firefighter to take advantage of a 3 percent cost of living adjustment that firefighters who retired after a certain date receive. There are fewer than 100 firefighters in the entire State of Illinois who would have been covered by this cost of living arrangement. The youngest one is 81. The youngest of them is 81 years old. Representative Moffitt was told by the Majority Leader, when he did an Amendment that I had asked to take care of these old... or excuse me, that's a bad choice of words, these elderly firefighters, so they could get that 3 percent COLA. Most of them in the last, certainly the last years of their lives, that if he adopted that Amendment, the Bill would not be called. You know, I grew up under a system where I thought you presented an idea, and it passed or it failed. We're not even given the common courtesy on our side of the aisle to present ideas. Some of them are very good. Some of them are stolen for use by Democrats later on. we're not even given the courtesy to present some of our ideas, 'yea' or 'nay'. So, now we're supposed to find a

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Senate Bill, and I'll try to do that as the Majority Leader just asked me, to take care of ... of retired firefighter Hank Shouse who's 86, who'll be 87 in another month. seven, to try and see if he can get covered under the 3 percent cost of living. What, do you think Mr. Shouse is going to live another 20 years? So, I'll try to find a Senate Bill, and I know Representative Moffitt, good man that he is, will try to help me, but why do we go through When we did it on a House Bill, and had the Amendment that would have taken care of the oldest living retired firefighers, fewer than 100, here's what we were told by the Majority Leader. You put that Amendment on the Bill, and the Bill will not be called. I don't know where that appears in House Rules, I don't know where it appears in Robert's Rules of Order. But now I have something to tell Hank Shouse, an 86-year-old retire firefighter. Shouse , I couldn't help you because the Majority Leader of the House said, if Mr. Moffitt, Representative Moffitt had put the Amendment on the Bill that would've helped you and fewer than 100 firefighters, all of them in their 80s, if he had put that on the Bill, the Bill would not be called. So indirectly, you all have turned your back on about 88 retired firefighters, all in their 80s. If there's any justice, the 40 days and 40 nights that were just alluded to, a rain will come down on your side of the aisle and flood it to the ceiling, and hopefully, you won't have time to build an ark. And when you're all gone, maybe we'll get some Majority Democrats who will understand the word fairness and equality, and rights for all. Let it rain for

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- 40 days and 40 nights. Moses, just make sure it falls on that side of the room."
- Speaker Miller: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Collins seeks recognition."
- Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to cancel Juvenile Justice Reform today."
- Speaker Miller: "Thank you for announcements. The Gentleman from Fulton, Representative Smith, for a Motion."
- Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could have the Body's attention. As we all know, every day we read about tragedies in our communities across the state. Unfortunately, during our break..."
- Speaker Miller: "Mem... Members, please."
- Smith: "...During our break there was a tragedy that struck close to home. Representative Jehan Gordon lost her cousin, Joshua, and I'd like to ask the Body to join with me in extending our deepest sympathy to Representative Gordon. And ask you to join in a moment of silence. Thank you."
- Speaker Miller: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Nekritz seeks recognition."
- Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to announce that the Railroad Industry Committee for today is canceled."
- Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Fulton, Representative Smith seeks recognition."
- Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move that the posting requirements be suspended on House Resolution 219, so that it may be heard in the Labor Committee this week."

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- Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman moves... the Gentleman moves to suspend posting requirement for the... for the Resolution. Seeing no objection, the posting is waived. The Gentleman from Fulton, Representative Smith seeks recognition."
- Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One more announcement, the Elementary & Secondary Education Committee will meet at 9:30 tomorrow morning instead of 8:30. It's 9:30 tomorrow morning in Room 114, Elementary & Secondary Education."

Speaker Miller: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Announcements."

- Clerk Mahoney: "The following committees that were scheduled for today have been canceled. The Public Utilities Committee that was to meet at 2 p.m. in Room D-1 has been canceled. Public Utilities has been canceled. At 3 p.m. the Financial Institutions Committee that was to meet in 114 has also been canceled. Financial Institutions at 3 p.m. is canceled. Bio-technology has been canceled that was to meet in D-1 at 3 p.m. Bio-technology is canceled. At 3:30 p.m. the Railroad Industry Committee meeting in 114 was canceled. Railroad Industry is canceled. Juvenile Justice Reform meeting at 3:30 in D-1 was also canceled. Tomorrow, Elementary & Secondary Education was moved to 9:30, that was to meet at 8:30."
- Speaker Miller: "Representative Currie now moves that the House will stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 22, at the time of 12:30, to allow perfunctory time... to allow for perfunctory time for the Clerk. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Representative Froelich, Chairperson Committee Reports. from the Committee on Cities & Villages, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on April 21, reported the same back with 2009, the following recommendation: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 133. Representative May, Chairperson from the Committee on Environmental Health, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on April 21, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'recommends be adopted' is House Joint Resolution 10. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & which the following Conservation, to measures referred, action taken April 21, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1269. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance, to which the following measures were... were referred, action taken on April 21, 2009 reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1639. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation, Regulation, Roads & Bridges, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on April 21, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation, 'recommends be adopted' to House Joint Resolution 7, House Joint Resolution 9. Representative McAuliffe, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on April 21, 2009, reported the same back with

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the following recommendation: 'do pass Short Debate' is Bill 1461; 'recommends be adopted' is Resolution 195. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Access, which the following measures were referred, action taken April 21, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation, 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 10. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 274. Introduction of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 4435, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 4436, offered by Representative Senger, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bills-First Reading. Senate Bill 171, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 226, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 227, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 302, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 310, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 587, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 658, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1274, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Correction. Senate Bill 1440, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 1462,

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offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1499, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1510, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 1738, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1819, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1832, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Bill 1841... Senate Bill 1918, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Bill 2044, offered by Representative Froelich, a Bill for an Act concerning law. Senate Bill 2072, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning Bill 2090, offered And Senate government. Representative Froelich, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1753 is on the Order of Senate Bills-First Reading. Senate Bill 1753, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning flags. First Reading of this Senate Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."