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Speaker Turner: "The hour of 12:00 having come and went, today March 2, 2010. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Cleveland Thomas, Sr., who is the New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church pastor in Peoria, Illinois. Pastor Thomas is the guest of Representative Jehan Gordon. 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 Thomas."

Pastor Thomas: "Will you bow your heads with me. Our Father and our God, we bow in remembrance of Your mercies and grace, Your gifts of good, Your provisions, the keenness of minds and effective decision-making. We thank You for our very being and for all of these men and women who will speak the concerns and demands of the broader faceless populous. We thank You for the guidance, the insight and the good of will that we can share one with another that those who will come behind us will recognize Your guidance and the demands and the call for our world and society. Help us, guide us and uphold us in all that is equitable, just, compassionate and that we may honor You at the close of each day. And the one who is our great sustainer and provider, Amen."

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

Tracy - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, for what reason do you rise?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. To report that Representatives Hoffman and Mendoza are excused today."

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

Bost: "Ei... either way you want to go there, Mr. Speaker. The Gentleman from Jackson or... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Fortner and Representative Mulligan are excused today on the Republican side of the aisle."

Speaker Turner: "We have a 110 Members present, a quorum is present and we shall proceed with business. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee reports: Representative Currie, Chairperson for the Committee on Rules to which... reports the following committee action taken on March 2, 2010: direct floor consideration for House Bill 1545, which is referred to Second Reading and House Bill 1900, referred to Second Reading; direct floor consideration for Amendment #2 to House Bill 4691, Amendment #2 to House Bill 4737 and Amendment #1 for House Bill 4835. Approved for consideration, referred to the Order of Concurrence is House Bill 1110."

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

Burns: "Thank you, Speaker. I rise on the... a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

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Burns: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. In the gallery behind me is the alderman of the 5th Ward of the City of Chicago, a ward that's in my district, Alderman Leslie Hairston visiting here from Chicago. Let us recognize her on her visit."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Burns."

Burns: "I... just to... to follow up. She's also repre... she's also part of Representative Barbara Flynn Currie's district as well."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome, again, to Springfield."

Speaker Mautino: "Mautino in the Chair. Mr. Clerk, read House Resolution 908."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 908, offered by Representative Stephens.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of United States Air Force Senior Airman Bradley Smith of Troy, who passed away on January 3, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith was born on September 11, 1985, in Little Rock, Arkansas; his parents are Gary and Paula, nee Forrest, Smith; he married Tiffany Finley on February 19, 2008, in Monterey, California; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith graduated from Triad High School in 2004; during high school, he was a member of the football team; and

WHEREAS, On December 19, 2006, Senior Airman Bradley Smith joined the United States Air Force; after basic training, where he was an honor graduate, he was assigned to the 10th

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Air Support Operations Squadron as a joint terminal attack controller in Fort Riley, Kansas and was highly trained in air assault, pathfinder, and airborne qualifications; he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for his service in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith was previously a member at Bethel Baptist Church, where he was active with the church's youth ministry; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, retired Master Sergeant Jesie Forrest, and his paternal grandfather, Elmer Smith; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith is survived by his wife, Tiffany; his parents, Gary and Paula; his daughter, Chloe Lynn Smith; his brother and fiancée, Staff Sergeant Gary Ryan Smith and Shawna Dorman; his paternal grandparents, retired Sergeant Major Don and Barbara McBeth and Rebecca Smith; his maternal grandmother, Fannie Mae Forrest; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Stanley and Valerie Tucker; his sisters-in-law, Hannah and Jennifer Tucker; and his many other extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Senior Airman Bradley Smith's patriotism and courage will be remembered fondly by his loving family, his fellow soldiers, and the citizens of our grateful nation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Senior Airman Bradley Smith; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Senior Airman Bradley Smith as an expression of our sympathy."

Speaker Mautino: "On the Resolution, Assistant Minority Leader, the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a task for which I feel completely unworthy. Having gotten to know the family, I can tell you that the love and devotion of their family for their son is complete. Attending the funeral, just a couple of weeks after his passing, a good friend of the family, Tim, gave the eulogy entitled, Boys Will Be Boys. And it seems that Bradley was an energetic child, got into a little bit of mischief but never anything serious. I think he burned down a bean field once or something like that by accident. I might be mistaken about the field, but there was a fire involved. But he was always a volunteer. Even as a young man. His church had a 24-hour prayer vigil and during that vigil... some prayer vigils you come to the rectory or the church or to the church building. This was a 24-hour vigil where you were left to pray on your own, at a time certain. Bradley being Bradley was volunteered for the 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Friday night or would it be Saturday morning. His father's friend, Tim, thought, well I'll just check on the young man, not that I don't trust him but boys will be boys. And so he set his alarm, he lived near the lake where he knew the boys were kind of pulling an all-nighter and fishing and playing around the dock and those sort of things. And Tim snuck out of his home and down to the lake and

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carefully approached the dock and he heard quiet talk. As he edged nearer and nearer the silhouettes of these five or six boys were seen at the end of the dock. And there was Bradley, 2:30 in the morning, as he had promised, as he had volunteered leading those young men in prayer. Little did we know at that time that years later, having a chance to go to Iraq where the... where the war was cooling down, he asked his Commander couldn't I join a unit that's going to Afghanistan where the war is heating up, and that happened. And just weeks after his arrival... you see, he was with the Air Force was a Tactical Observer. They... he would call in air support for Army units and so he was assigned to an Army unit. And with his Army friends and comrades leading the way on a mission, they crossed a small stream or river. They crossed by a bridge in a tactical manner. The first two advanced across the bridge and as they got to the other side an IED exploded at their feet, killing one, obviously, instantly, throwing the body of the other 200 yards away. Bradley was safe, on the safe side of the river. The Commander approached and said we need a volunteer. We've got to retrieve the other fallen soldiers. The first one was kind of easy, he was right at the edge of the bridge. Bradley and an Army medic thinking, I think in their minds, maybe the boy who was blown so far might still be alive, went to get that young man. When they found him, he had expired. But being a good Airman, a good soldier, Bradley put him on his shoulders and carried him back home. And as they crossed the creek, they didn't cross the bridge this time in either direction, they came up the other side and

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the terrorist enemy set off another IED and took Bradley's life. Bradley was a volunteer all his life. He was a Christian. He was proud of that. There's a saying in the Old Testament; 'I also heard the voice of the Lord calling, saying who shall I send and who will go for me. And then said, here I am Lord, send me.' That was Bradley Smith. His parents have one concern, one request only. That we never forget. And I know my colleagues join me in that mission of never forgetting. We were upstairs and I was... they had some things that we wanted to display on the House Floor and I said, well, I don't know what the protocol is. But if we can't display them in front of the podium, we will put them at Jim Sacia's desk, and we don't have to even ask. Because I know it's Representative Sacia is honored. When I came to the floor and set the items on his desk, Jim was unaware. Then he came down and I explained what was going on and he said, well, Ron, I'll stand back here because as far as I'm concerned that is a place of honor. So, Representative Sacia, we say thank you. To the... the parents, Gary and Paula, who are joined by friends in the Republican gallery, I say to you, we will never forget. God bless you."

Speaker Turner: "And the House will have a moment of silence. Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Honor... could we honor the parents, please."

Speaker Turner: "Yes, Sir. Thank you... thank you for your service and our condolences. The Gentleman from DeKalb, Representative Pritchard is seeking recognition."

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

Speaker Turner: "State your point, Sir."

Pritchard: "I think it's very fitting that we rise in tribute to this Airman, but I think more importantly is the thousands of men and women that are still fighting in Afghanistan and other points for the freedoms of this country. I had a letter last night from a constituent in my district who is serving his second term in Afghanistan. He's been an Army officer for 19 years, left a wife and six children to go to Afghanistan and serve in the 909th Forward Surgical Team. This particular soldier is also at the front line, trying to serve medical services to those soldiers who might be injured. And he indicates that having that kind of forward service is so critical to minimizing the damage of our fallen soldiers. He also went on to say why we are there and what we're fighting for. He was there 7 years ago and going back now has seen a contrast between the locals. And he says that the concept of democracy and personal freedoms still elude many, but capitalism seems easier to grasp. Without exception, every local I meet has aspirations to travel to or move to the United States. Despite what I often feel is negative media attention, the concept of what our nation is built upon continues to shine brightly in other corners of the world. Each days here serves as a reminder of how fortunate we are. This is a soldier that was raised in Texas but has moved and adopted Illinois. We have a lot of people leaving our state and disparaging the life that we have

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here in this country and particularly here in this state, but I think the officer that we honor here this morning, the men and women that are still serving, are telling us that we need to appreciate what we have, try to preserve what we have and most importantly work together to solve the issues that we have here in this state. So, I ask for you to remember in your prayers, not only this family and this airman, but also all of those who fight and work and need our protective prayers and try to serve the best interest of democracy. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Pritchard. It's the intent of the Chair to go to the order of Second Readings. And we will begin on page 2 of the Calendar. If Members would take a look at the Order of Second Reading of the Calendars and get your Bills prepared to move, when I call on you, we can make the process go a little quicker. On page 2 of the Calendar is House Bill 1026, Representative Careen Gordon. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1026, a Bill for an Act to amend the Open Meetings Act by changing Section 1.02. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Lang, page 2 of the Calendar appears... Out of the record. Page 2 of the Calendar is House Bill 3323, Representative Brauer. Representative Brauer. Read the Bill. Out of the record. House Bill 3631, Representative Golar. Do you wish to move this Bill? There are note requests on this Bill. This Bill will remain on Second Reading. Representative Monique

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Davis, on page 2 of the Calendar is House Bill 3814. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3814, the Bill's been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A fiscal note has been requested on the Bill and has not been filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Leave the Bill on Second. Page 2 of the Calendar is House Bill 4553, Representative Holbrook. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4553, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Osmond, House Bill 4639. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4639, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. The Lady from Grundy, Representative Gordon is seeking recognition."

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

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Gordon, C.: "If I could have the attention of the Body, Ladies and Gentlemen. To keep up a tradition of the downstate ladies who represent Kankakee County over here in the corner, I want to bring your attention, Representative Dugan is a grandmother for a second time. We welcomed

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Abigail Lee Roof on February 21. She weighed three and a half pounds. She was 16 inches long, but she will be up to fighting weight soon. So, Representative Lang and Representative Black should beware because she will be down here and ready to scream right along with them very, very soon. So, congratulations to Representative Dugan."

Speaker Mautino: "Congratulations, Representative 'Grandma' Dugan. Page 3 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4685, Representative Walker. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4685, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. House Bill 4644, Representative Poe. Representative Poe. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4644, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Page 4 of the Calendar is House Bill 4796, Representative DeLuca. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4796, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Page 4 of the Calendar is House Bill 4820, Representative William Davis. Read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4820, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Davis, do you wish to call 4826? Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4826, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Leave that Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 4827. Out of the record. Representative Bradley, page 4 of the Calendar is House Bill 4846. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4846, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Franks, House Bill 4854. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of the Amendment?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4854, the Bill's been read a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Franks, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Franks on Floor Amendment #2."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Floor Amendment came from Mr. Durkin who had requested that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation have oversight of this Bill and to set any fee schedule. So, what he was concerned about was the sheriff would be setting a fee

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schedule and this way, I think it makes much more sense to have the Department of Financial and Professional Regulations. And that's what we've done."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved adoption of Amendment #2. On that question... seeing no discussion, all in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'yesses' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Represent... Representative Arroyo is seeking recognition."

Arroyo: "Point of person... personal privileges, Mr. Speaker. I want to wish a good friend of mine today is a special day for him it's his birthday. And I think that it's going to be his last birthday in the General Assembly. I want to wish John Fritchey happy birthday. If everybody could give him a big round of applause."

Speaker Mautino: "Happy birthday, Commissioner. Page 4 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4856, Representative Feigenholtz. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4856, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Dugan, page 4 of the Calendar, House Bill 4868. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4868, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 967, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 971, offered by Representative Franks. House Joint Resolution 105, offered by Representative Brauer. And House Joint Resolution 106, offered by Representative Brauer. These Resolutions are referred to the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Mautino: "Page 4 of the Calendar, appears House Bill 4873, Representative Davis. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4873, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Mulligan, page 4 of the Calendar is House Bill 4922. Out of the record. Representative Zalewski, Calendar page 4 appears House Bill 4931. Out of the record. Representative Mathias, House Bill 4945. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4945, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Walker, 4959. Out of the record. Representative Nekritz, page 5 on the Calendar appears House Bill 4964. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4964, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Page 5 of the Calendar, Representative Rose. Out of the record. Representative Farnham, House Bill 4968. Representative Farnham. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4968, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Farnham, 4969. Representative Farnham, page 5 of the Calendar. 4969 that's also yours. Would you like to move this legislation? Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4969, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Page 5 of the Calendar, House Bill 4974, Representative Moffitt. Out of the record. Representative Careen Gordon on page 5 of the Calendar is House Bill 5006. Out of the record. Representative Reboletti, House Bill 5019. Out of the record. Representative May, page 5 of the Calendar is House Bill 5054. Would you like to move this from Second Reading? Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5054, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. The Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Harris, House Bill 5079. Would you like to move this Bill? Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5079, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Cross, House Bill 5095. Out of the record. Yes, Sir. Representative Rose. Out of the record. Representative Nekritz, on page 5 of the Calendar you have House Bill 5128. Out of the record. Representative Moffitt you have House Bill 5139. Out of the record. On page 6 of the Calendar, Representative Connelly. Out of the record. Representative Pritchard on House Bill 5161. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5161, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. House Bill 5190, Representative Fortner. Out of the record. Representative Pritchard, you have House Bill 5193. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5193, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Reitz, you have House Bill 5204, excuse me, on House Bill 5193. Mr. Clerk, place that

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Bill on Third Reading. Representative Reitz, we have House Bill 5204. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5204, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Reitz, you have 5223. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5223, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Mr. Reitz, you have House Bill 5224. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5224, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Bellock, you have House Bill 5234. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5234, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Osterman 5255, House Bill. Do you wish to read the Bill, yes? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 52... House Bill 5255, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Second Reading of this

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House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments.
No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Hatcher, House
Bill 5262? Representative Hatcher, do you wish to call
5262 for... to move that? Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5262, a Bill for an Act concerning
public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House
Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor
Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Connelly, do
you wish to call 5282? Out of the record. Representative
Cross... Representative Hatcher, on 5283. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5283, a Bill for an Act concerning
local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No
Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are
filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Moffitt on
House Bill 5285. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5285, a Bill for an Act concerning
transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill.
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor
Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Black on House
Bill 5294. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5294, a Bill for an Act concerning
education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No
Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are
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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. House Bill 5302 on page 7 of the Calendar, Representative Reis. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5302, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Leitch, House Bill 5304. Out of the record. Representative Leitch, House Bill 5305. Out of the record. Representative Leitch, House Bill 5306. Out of the record. Representative Leitch, 5307. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5307, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Black, the Gentleman from Vermilion, is seeking recognition."

Black: "Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Yes, Sir."

Black: "Why don't you go... why don't you go through... you only have a few more Bills on Second Reading then could you come back to me at that time?"

Speaker Mautino: "Thank you, Sir."

Black: "Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "I will do that. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution 108, offered by Representative Currie. This Resolution is referred to the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Mautino: "On page 7 of the Calendar appears House Bill 5322, Representative Currie, Majority Leader Currie."

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Representative Reitz, House Bill 5331. Out of the record.
Representative Lyons, House Bill 5372. Representative
Jakobsson, House Bill 5376. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5376, a Bill for an Act concerning
not-for-profit corporations. Second Reading of this House
Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No
Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Bradley, House
Bill 5458. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5458, a Bill for an Act concerning
government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No
Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are
filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Coulson, you
have House Bill 5459. Out of the record. Representative
Farnham, 5469. Representative Farnham. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5469, a Bill for an Act concerning
financial regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill.
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor
Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Gordon, House
Bill 5507. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5507, a Bill for an Act concerning
transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No
Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are
filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Nekritz, 5509.
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Read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5509, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Repres... Third Reading. Representative Farnham, 5510. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5510, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Eddy, House Bill 5511. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5511, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Pritchard on House Bill 5678. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5678, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Harris, House Bill 5691. Out of the record. Representative Berrios, House Bill 5701. Out of the record. Representative Nekritz, 5712. Out of the record. Representative Reitz, 5718. Read it... read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5718, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Bradley, House Bill 5761. Read.. read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5761, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. House Bill 5764, Representative Bradley. Out of the record. Representative Farnham, House Bill 5818. Mr. Farnham, would you like to move that Bill? Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5818, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Beiser, House Bill 5819. Representative Beiser, House Bill 5819. Would you like to move this Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5819, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Lang, House Bill 5820. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5820, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Jakobsson, House Bill 5859. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5859, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Ramey, House Bill 5861. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5861, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Nekritz, House Bill 5888. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5888, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative... Third Reading. House Bill 5891, Representative Pihos. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5891, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. House Bill 5894, Representative Jehan Gordon. Representative Gordon. Out of the record. Representative Gordon, on 5894. Out of the record. The next Bill is also yours House Bill 5905. Okay, Out of the record. Representative Collins, House

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Bill 5913. Out of the record. Representative Collins, you also have 5916. Out of the record. Representative Lang, House Bill 5946. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5946, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Froehlich, you have House Bill 5958. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5958, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Lyons, on page 9 of the Calendar is House Bill 6000. Out of the record. On page 10 of the Calendar is House Bill 6006, Representative Zalewski. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 6006, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Feigenholtz, House Bill 6062. Out of the record. Representative Black, on House Bill 6079. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 6079, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. On page 5 of the Calendar is House Bill 5006, Representative Careen Gordon. Representative Gordon. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5006, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 5224?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5224 is on the order of House Bills Third Reading."

Speaker Mautino: "Place that Bill on Second Reading. We have finished the Bills on Second Reading, and as requested, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black is rising for a Motion."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise to a point of parliamentary procedure."

Speaker Mautino: "State your parliamentary inquiry, Sir."

Black: "Thank you very much. Mr. Speaker, I have filed the requisite Motion to suspend the appropriate rule and discharge House Resolution 844 from the House Health care Availability and Accessibility Committee. Under House Rule 58(a), any Member may move that a standing committee or a special committee be discharged from consideration of any legislative measure assigned to it and not reported back unfavorably. Under House Rule 58(d), the requirement that the Motion appear on the Calendar may be suspended with an affirmative vote of 71 Members. Under applicable House Rule 54a(a), Section 2, all Motions are assigned Standard

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Debate and I wish to debate, my Motion to Discharge the committee. Upon the conclusion of the debate, I will ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49, Article IV, Section 8(C) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be by a recorded vote whenever 5 Representatives so... shall so request. There are at least 5 Members on my side of the aisle that wish for a recorded vote on the Motion to discharge the measure from the House Health Care Availability and Accessibility Committee. Therefore Mr. Speaker, my Motion is to Discharge House Resolution 844 from the Health Care Availability and Accessibility Committee and suspend the relative section of House Bill(sic-Rule) 58(b) relating to the Calendar requirements and for the Resolution to be placed on the order... appropriate Order of Business. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Black, just for clarity, is the first Motion that you're seeking the Motion to suspend the Calendar requirement?"

Black: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Mautino: "That's a votio... that is a Motion which requires 71 votes."

Black: "That's my understanding."

Speaker Mautino: "On that Motion, the Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers, chairman of the Health Care and Access Committee."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in opposition to the Gentleman's Motion. We only have one set of rules in this Body and everyone has

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to comply with it. The Lady had her fair hearing in the committee. And if it failed and that's exactly where it belongs. Now, if she wants to come back before the committee and have another hearing, she is entitled to do that. But in the meantime, I do not appreciate trying to bypass the committee and come directly to the floor when the committee has spoken and we wanted the Resolution to stay in the committee. She referred to the Tenth Amendment of the United State Constitution. And also that the Tenth Amendment give rules and guidelines set forth, where it is the state can make those decisions. So, she was going to take it upon herself to speak for the entire state and the committee did not appreciate that. And so, thank you very much. And I urge for the defeat of the Gentleman's Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think I can say it better than Representative Flowers. But clearly if this were to pass, then we just throw all the rules out. Let's take every Bill that fails in committee and bring it to the floor. I don't think that's appropriate. I note, with some sense of interest that, it's not even the Sponsor of the Resolution who's bringing this Motion. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Black, the Gentleman from Vermilion."

Black: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I've not heard any request to bifurcate my inquiry. I am seeking not only the discharge of the committee, but I am also seeking the other applicable rule to have this voted on. So I am making two

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Motions and I assume they will be treated as an entity. And I would just simply say in response, the rules clearly allow for this procedure. The procedure has been used before, by your side of the aisle. So I don't think this is out of order. Anyone can make the Motion to suspend the applicable rule, which would take 71 votes. And I don't think there's anything out of order about asking that the Resolution be discharged from the committee."

Speaker Mautino: "The Motion requires 71 votes. There being no further discussion, the question is 'Shall this... shall the Gentleman's Motion pass?' All in... all in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 47 voting 'yes', 62 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Gentleman's Motion fails. Representative Black."

Black: "Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Under House Rule 57(a) I would move to appeal the ruling of the Chair, and only allowing the one vote. And let me very briefly, Mr. Speaker, if I could, speak to the Resolution. The Resolution simply says that health care reform is an issue of debate in Washington. That is unassailable, it is. That debate has been going on probably since the late 1930s. And I think everybody on this floor, regardless of what side of the aisle you sit on, understands the need for quality and affordable health care. However, and I think it's the duty of each and every one of us in this chamber, given the fiscal condition of the State of Illinois, is that we look at the two proposals currently before the

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United States Congress. Under one proposal the State of Illinois could see a reduction of about \$500 million in Medicare cuts for our senior citizens. And I am one of those senior citizens, and I have my Medicare card in my billfold to prove it. Reducing Medicare coverage for those who need it the most would be, I think, irresponsible. The second, and perhaps the most dangerous for the State of Illinois, is the proposed expansion of Medicaid eligibility. It's been estimated that Illinois could see thousands of people added to the Medicaid rolls if that part of the health care Bill being discussed would be adopted, at a cost to the State of Illinois of about a billion dollars. Which we simply, and I think whether you're Republican or Democrat you know that we simply cannot afford at this time. House Resolution 844, I don't think is partisan. Simply sends a message to the Illinois Congressional Delegation that we urge them to be very careful about what they're doing to possible Medicare shifts and extremely important that they be very careful how many people they add to our Medicaid rolls. You'll re... you'll recall our late and unlamented Governor tried to add thousands of people to the Medicaid rolls, often without our consent, or without a Bill, or without an appropriation. And we're paying the price for that at this time. This is a good Resolution. I hope at some time you'll allow us to debate the Resolution in full on the House Floor. Mr. Speaker, at this time I will withdraw my Motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair."

Speaker Mautino: "I... The Gentleman from Champaign, Mr. Rose."

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Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of Representative Black. And while it's not my normal place to..."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Rose, the Motion has actually been withdrawn. So, there is no Motion before the Body at this time."

Rose: "Well, a point of personal privilege, if I may."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Rose: "Thank you. Representative Black, I appreciate what he did a minute ago, but in fact he... he undershot the potential cost to the State of Illinois. It is in fact \$1.4 billion. And rather than take me or his word for it, I posted on my Web site on February 9, a copy of the Illinois Policy Institute study that estimates this at a minimum of 1.391 billion in additional cost to the State of Illinois. So I would urge all Members to go take a look at that study. It is primary sourced. It is not a number picked out of thin blue air. The documentation is there to look at it. And in the current fiscal shape of the State of Illinois, I think everyone in this Body should take a look at that report, 1.4 billion additional added to our deficit if this passes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Okay. The Chair has gone... is resumed Second Readings. And on page 3 of the Calendar is House Bill 4669, Representative Holbrook. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4669, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Page 3 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4586, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4586, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Ford, on page 3 of the Calendar is House Bill 4587. Do you wish to move that Bill? Out of the record. Representative Ford, you have 4598. Representative Ford, do you wish to move that Bill? Representative Ford, we have two more Bills before the House. House Bill 4598, do you wish to move that Bill? Out of the record. House Bill 4756, do you wish to move that Bill? Out of the record. Mr. Ford, House Bill 4756 has an Amendment #2 which has been approved for consideration. Would you like us to move that Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4756, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Ford, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Ford on Floor Amendment #2."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 simply makes the Bill subject to appropriation. I would like to adopt the Amendment."

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Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved adoption of Floor Amendment #2. Anyone seeking recognition. No one seeking recognition. The question is, 'Shall Amendment 2 be adopted?' All in favor vote 'yes'... say 'yes'; opposed say 'no'. The 'yesses' have it in the opinion of the Chair, and the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. On page 4 of the Calendar appears House Bill 4812, Representative Sacia. Out of the record. 4818, Representative Sacia. Out of the record. On page 4 of the Calendar is House Bill 4931, Representative Zalewski. Out of the record. Representative Walker, on page 4 of the Calendar is House Bill 4959. Out of the record. The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost is seeking recognition."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know whether it's a point of personal privilege, I would guess."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Bost: "It has come to my attention, as the spokesman for the Public Utilities Committee, that certain Bills are going to be referred to subcommittee and... I asked the chairman why that would be? And basically the response was that... that she has made a choice to do that, based on the... fact that the con... the Bills are controversial. Mr. Speaker, we take up controversial Bills every day in our committees, that's what we do. That's why the people have sent us here. And... and I would only say from this side of the aisle I'm a little concerned about handling the committee in that way."

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I... I think it's very important that these Bills have a hearing and it might be that some of these Bills won't even be called because the Sponsors are working very diligently to try to come to some kind of resolve on some of these Bills 'cause that's what we do. But for all of a sudden for a chairman to just say, I'm going to create a subcommittee and I'll drop these in... unless it's direction from Leadership of ideas and I don't think that it is in this case, it's not a prac... good practice. And it's not a policy that we normally do here. We allow people to have a hearing. Now, we all know that subcommittees are created and... and sometimes misused in the fact that... that you can kind of stack the votes because it only takes 3 votes. I'm very concerned about this procedure. I brought this up last week. Apparently no one heard or... or no one's really concerned. Now, it can happen to anyone on this floor. Ladies and Gentlemen, we actually should have certain rights as Members to have our Bills heard. And now if... the Speaker or... or someone in those positions of Leadership have specific concerns that... that they want to use the procedures to not allow a Bill to move, then we all understand that. You know, we... we might disall... dis... we might not like it, but we should at least allow these Bills to be heard. And I would encourage the Speaker, not the Speaker here now, but... but Speaker Madigan, to talk to his committee chairs and see if that's the policy that we want to continue to have. We're trying to work together. I brought that up last week before we left, and instantly we go right back into this on one of the first committees. I

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have to find it out through a staffer that we're going to refer certain Bills to subcommittees. And then the answer that I'm getting from the chairman is basically that's the way I decide to do it. Well, that... that's not a real good answer. As matter of fact, how do you tell that to the 108, 110 thousand people that I represent or the other people that are having their Bills referred to subcommittee that, no, we don't have that right to go ahead and hear the debate. To at least present it. Even to a committee forum of more than three people that is controlled by that chair. Mr. Speaker, I hope that we move forward to try to correct these problems. I'm very concerned. I'd love to hear from the Lady on the record why it is that we're moving in this path."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black is seeking recognition."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I... I hope you were paying attention, but many of you already have your mind made up or you just do what you're told so you don't pay any attention. I think Representative Bost brings up something that I think is as egregious as anything I've seen since back in 1992. We... we fought some of these battles in 1992 where we were not allowed to call Bills, our Bills were put in subcommittee. We were treated not as second-class citizens on the Minority side of the aisle. We were ignored. And I would remind you that you lost your Majority in 1994. Now I don't know if that had anything to do with it but I think it did. There comes a time when

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anybody, Republican or Democrat or Independent, looks at this situation and says that isn't right. It isn't fair. It isn't what they expect. We're just like anybody else in the Minority or in the Majority. We run around to various committees trying to call our Bills. Almost every Bill I have this year was brought to me by a constituent. And I think the constituent has a right to have his or her grievance addressed by committee. If the committee doesn't like the Bill, they can vote it down, but at least my constituents will say, well, I had an opportunity to bring a particular grievance or concern to a committee. So we get to committee and they are assigned to a subcommittee without any constructive notice to us. Last week I had a witness travel from Danville, that's a 250 mile round trip, the Bill was assigned to subcommittee before he even got into the committee room. I don't think that's right. I don't think it's fair. And what happened to me last week... and I sometimes, I know this comes as a shock to some of you, I know sometimes I don't handle things as well as I... my mother would... would've taught me and did teach me. But I had a committee chairman last week say I'm not going to call your Bill. Well, the chairman didn't tell me that. He sends a staffer out to whisper in my ear. The chairman is not going to call your Bill. Why not? He doesn't like it. So, I stuck around for almost an hour. And I daresay if any of you on the Majority side who has the seniority and a position in... in House Leadership were treated the way I was, you'd be just as mad as I was. So, I sat there for about an hour and I wanted it on the record that he wasn't

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going to call my Bill, and I finally got it on the record. And I was told that it wouldn't be called because he didn't like it. He thought somebody else's Bill was better. That may be, but I thought I had an inalienable right to call my Bill. And if he didn't like it and could convince the majority of the committee that it wasn't any good because he didn't like it, the Bill would've failed. But this is a Bill I've been working on for 10 years. And the... the Bill that passed was a higher number than mine, both written by the same person in the Legislative Reference Bureau, but his Bill was better. His Bill was better because he was a Democrat. And I understand some of that. Mr. Speaker, I've known you and I knew your father before you were here. And I know personally that you don't indulge in this kind of behavior and most committee chairs do not. One of the... one of the committee chairs that I learned a great deal from 20 some years ago was former Member Al Ronan. Al could be very partisan, but he treated people fairly in committee. He would give you all kinds of hints. He would say I'm not sure your Bill is ready. I'm not sure that your Bill is timely. I'm not sure you want to do this today. Now if you picked up on what Chairman Ronan was... was saying, you'd go talk to him and you'd come back next week. If you persisted, then Chairman Ronan would allow a vote on your Bill and 99 and 44/100 percent of the time, if you didn't pick up on his hint, your Bill was defeated. We don't have to be this way. I've written all of the committee chairs that would not allow my Bills to be heard last week and I've asked them please, please let me at

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least call the Bill. On behalf of grandparents who mourn the loss of their granddaughter, who was killed. On behalf of a man who's trying to run a business and he gets a utility bill in the mail, and because the mail can be somewhat unreliable today, he gets the bill, and he has 72 hours to pay the utility bill or face disconnect. Nope, can't call that Bill. I know why the Bill doesn't want to be called. The utility companies don't like the Bill, but I didn't think they ran this place. And I could give you additional bills that are assigned to subcommittee, where you don't talk to the sponsor you don't know the genesis. Somebody gets to you, lobbyists or whatever, and just tells you to kill the Bill and so that's what you do. It didn't used to be that way here. Members were treated with a certain degree of respect and they had a chance to address their constituents concerns and grievances. And that needs to be done today. Don't revert back to what happened in 1992. That wasn't necessary. It went way, way too far, way too far. And it looks to me like we're headed that way again. And there is no reason to do that. You have the Majority. If you don't like a Bill in committee or I can't explain it in a reasonable fashion you have every right, and I would expect you to defeat that Bill, if it wasn't submitted in a good form or a proper form. But the way you're doing it now there's no reason for us to bring witnesses over, there's no reason to even try to present our Bills. That's a mistake. That is a... an injustice to the people as, Representative Bost so eloquently said, it's an injustice to the people that we represent. And they

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don't get mad at me, when they come over and aren't allowed to testify. They get mad at the Majority Members of the committee who refused them the common courtesy to tell you why they're upset about a Bill. This needs to stop and it needs to stop today."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, com... committee announcements."

Clerk Bolin: "There has been one committee com... cancellation for this afternoon. The Transportation, Regulation Road & Roads & Bridges Committee scheduled for 2 pm this afternoon has been canceled. There has been one change for committees' tomorrow morning. The Judiciary I-Civil Law Committee scheduled for 8 am tomorrow will meet at 10 am. Again Judiciary I-Civil Law, tomorrow morning will meet at 10 am. The following committees will meet this afternoon at 2 pm; Agriculture & Conservation at 2 pm, Appropriations Elementary & Secondary Education at 2 pm, Insurance committee at 2 pm, Public Utilities committee at 2 pm. The following committees will meet at 4 pm this afternoon; Consumer Protection at 4 pm, Financial Institutions at 4 pm, Health Care Availability & Accessibility at 4 pm and Cities & Villages at 4 pm."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 953, offered by Representative D'Amico. House Resolution 956, offered by Representative Stephens. House Resolution 957, offered by Representative Hamos. House Resolution 958, offered by Representative Hamos. House Resolution 959 and 960, offered by Representative Osmond. House Resolution 962, offered by Representative Currie. House Resolution

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963, offered by Representative Reis. House Resolution 964, offered by Representative Leitch. House Resolution 965, offered by Representative Riley. House Resolution 966, offered by Representative Crespo. House Resolution 969, offered by Representative Tryon. House Resolution 970, offered by Representative Tryon. House Resolution 972, offered by Representative Howard. House Resolution 973, and 974, offered by Representative Reis. House Resolution 975, offered by Representative Howard. House Resolution 976 and 977, offered by Representative Black."

Speaker Mautino: "Majority Leader Currie now moves adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the chair 'yeeses' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Representative Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For Members of the Elementary & Secondary Education Committee, tomorrow morning we are scheduled to meet at 8:00. The subcommittee on Mandates, chaired by Representative Crespo, will meet to consider the Bills sent to that committee at 8:00. Thank you."

Mautino: "And now allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House will stand adjourned until Wednesday, March 3 at the hour of 12 pm, noon. All in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'yeeses' have it. And the House stands adjourned until Wednesday, March 3 at the hour of 12 noon."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 02, 2010: direct floor consideration for House Joint Resolution 108, which is referred to the

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Order of Resolutions. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Accessibility reports the following committee action taken on March 02, 2010: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 5766; do pass Short Debate for House Bill 4924 and House Bill 6061. Representative Froehlich, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on March 02, 2010: do pass as amended Short Debate House Bill 5970; do pass Short Debate for House Bill 4699, 4837, 5295, 5540, 5671, and 5960. Representative Colvin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on March 02, 2010: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 5476. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions reports the following committee action taken on March 02, 2010: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 4933. Representative Collins, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on March 02, 2010: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 5879. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on March 02, 2010: do pass Short Debate for House Bills 5231, 5858, 5901, 6132, and 6249. Introduction and First Reading of Bills. House Bill 6622, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. First Reading of this House Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."