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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Shaun Lewis, who's the Director of Civil Servant Ministries, serving the political Leaders of Illinois. Pastor Lewis is the guest of Representative Morrison. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Lewis."

Pastor Lewis: "If you would bow with me in prayer. Father in heaven, Book of James has a verse that seems very appropriate for today. James 1 verse 19 says, let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. Why... James goes on in the next verse to say, the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Like it or not, we have a divided government in Illinois. It's especially easy to misrepresent one another, argue against straw men, vilify those who disagree. I pray this wouldn't be the case, that our elected officials would be quick to listen to one another, choose their words wisely, and be slow to become angry. May they conduct themselves in a way that's honorable in Your sight. And finally, all of us know Fred Robinson, who's a doorman here in the House. Fred had a massive heart attack last week. I certainly pray for healing and that we would see him here again soon. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We'll be led in the Pledge by Representative McDermed."

McDermed - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

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one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Speaker, please let the record reflect that Representative Gabel is excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Poe has an excused absence today."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you."

Bellock: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 116 Members present and there is a quorum of the House. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 117, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 118, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 119, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 120, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 121, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 122, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 123, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 124, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 126, offered by Representative Batinick. House Resolution 129, offered by Representative Ammons. House Resolution 130, offered by Representative Cavaletto. House Resolution 131, offered by Representative Cavaletto. House Resolution 139, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 142, offered by Representative D'Amico. House Resolution 143, offered by

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Representative Verschoore. House Resolution 145, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 150, offered by Representative Wallace. House Resolution 151, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 153, offered by Representative Golar. House Resolution 154, offered by Representative Wheeler. House Resolution 157, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 158, offered by Representative Lang. House Resolution 159, offered by Representative Tabares. And House Resolution 161, offered by Representative Ammons."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to ask all the Members of the chamber to congratulate today... it is Tom Morrison's 40th birthday."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations, Representative. Great way to spend the day here on the floor of the Illinois House of Representatives. Chair recognizes Mr. Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Tryon: "I just want to remind everybody that the School Management Alliance has a reception at the State House Inn from 5 to 6:30 where there'll be hundreds of administrators and school board members from our local school districts. Just want to make sure... they wanted to reach out and make sure that was a calendar item that everybody had received their notification

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and, hopefully, you'll be able to stop by the State House Inn, 5 to 6:30 tonight."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Durkin: "We're very proud of the fact that just recently one of our Members, Representative Wayne Rosenthal, was made a director for the Illinois Depart... Department of Natural Resources. It created a vacancy in the 95th Legislative District and I'm pleased to say that last Saturday, the four counties which comprise the county... the 95th Legislative District, unanimously chose a new Representative, who is with us today, who was sworn in at 9... 10 a.m. Representative Avery Bourne from rural Montgomery County. If we could give her a warm welcome. Thank you, Avery. Welcome aboard."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, Representative. Representative Bourne, would you like to say hello to the Body?"

Bourne: "Thank you so much and I'm so excited to be here with all of you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to announce that the initial meeting of the Boat Drink Caucus will be held this evening at the Butternut Hut about 9:15."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal pleasure."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Verschoore: "Tonight at 5 to 7:30 on the 29th floor of the Hilton, the Illinois Pipe Trades Association is going to have their

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reception. It's always a fun time and everyone's invited, and there might be a drink or two served and some food. So, thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Mr. Phelps."

Phelps: "Point of an announcement, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. at the Illinois State Museum, the Illinois Sportsman's Caucus will have a reorganizational meeting. And our special guest speaker is the new DNR director, Wayne Rosenthal. Hope you can make it."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Thank you, everyone. I just want to remind everyone that this is Black History Month. And in honor of that, the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus will be hosting our annual soiree tonight. It will be at the Abraham... I'm sorry... yeah, the Abraham Lincoln Museum. So, change of venue. So, we're hoping everybody will join us, 7 p.m. tonight. We've got great home-cooked food. It is going to be the party of the night, so we're hoping everybody will be able to join us. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I, too, rise on a point of personal privilege..."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

McAsey: "...for purposes of an announcement. Tonight, I just want to remind all of the women of the Conference of Women Legislators that this evening, we will have a reception at the Sangamo Club in the patio room beginning at 5 p.m. Please join us for a great kick off to a new Legislative Session, as

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well as an opportunity to welcome our new women Legislators.  
Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wehrli."

Wehrli: "Thank you, Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Wehrli: "I'd like to welcome to the Illinois House, Mayor David Brummel out of Warrenville. And our two ch... chairman of the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce, Nicki Anderson, and the chairman of the board, Rosemarie Breske Garvey. Welcome to your House."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the Illinois House of Representatives. Representative Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Illinois General Assembly. I'd like to invite all Representatives to a press conference at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the blue room in the basement of the Capitol. We're going to talk about the unfairness of the International Little League team... Little League Committee taking the trophy from those babies, 12 and 13-year-olds. They won the games; they won the games. So, we're going to talk about if adults do wrong, do we punish children? So, I ask you, I beg you, come to the press conference at 10 a.m. tomorrow where we asked the International Little League Committee to rescind their stripping that wonderful team from their won trophy, being the national champions of Little League. Thank you, Mr. Chair... Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair, if I may?"

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Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Harris, D.: "Is this the... is this the third Wednesday of February?"

Speaker Lang: "I believe it is."

Harris, D.: "And so, it's the third Wednesday of February which, by State Law, I believe, is the date that the Governor is supposed to give his budget message."

Speaker Lang: "I believe it is."

Harris, D.: "This Governor has been in office five weeks and he's giving his budget message. We've had a Governor previously in the past six years only once in those six years did the Governor give his budget message on time. We may or may not like what this Governor has to say, but at least he's taking the time to say it on time. Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Along with Representative Morrison and Representative Moffitt, it is also Governor Rauner, who's coming to make his speech today, it's also his birthday too. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "That's a lot of birthdays in one day. I'm breathless. Representative Phelps."

Phelps: "I have another announcement, Mr. Speaker. Please join my... my fellow colleagues, please join me today, up to my left, help us welcome to the House the new IML executive director, Brad Cole. Brad, thanks for being here."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, Mr. Cole. Mr. Bennett."

Bennett: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

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Bennett: "Thank you. I'd like to recognize my wife, Kathy Bennett, who's up in the gallery, along with two of the folks from the 106, Susan and David. Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Welcome aboard, everyone. Representative Williams."

Williams: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Williams: "Ladies and Gentlemen, just a quick note, if I could have your attention just briefly, or I could talk louder. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to let everybody know that we are having a meeting of the Green Caucus, a breakfast tomorrow, 7 to 9 a.m. at Café Moxo. Please come by and learn all about the great things we're working on this year, and meet some of our advocates. Seven to nine tomorrow, Café Moxo. Be there."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "House Joint Resolution #30."

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the House of Representatives adjourns on Friday, February 20, 2015, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 12:00 o'clock noon, or until the call of the Speaker and when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, February 19, 2015, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 03, 2015, or until the call of the President."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed



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'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. Speaker Madigan in the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, please take your seats. Ladies and Gentlemen, please take your seats. Would all Members please take their seats? Would the Members please take their seats? The Governor is prepared to begin. The regular Session will stand in recess. The Doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement. Mr. Doorkeeper."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Honorable President Cullerton and Members of the Senate are at the door and seek admission to the chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, please take your seats. Mr. Doorkeeper, please admit the Honorable Senators. As designated in House Joint Resolution 12, the hour of 12 Noon having arrived, the Joint Session of the 99th General Assembly will now come to order. Will the Members of the House and our guests from the Senate please take their seats? Mr. Clerk, is a quorum of the House present?"

Clerk Hollman: "A quorum of the House is present."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. President, is a quorum of the Senate present in this chamber?"

President Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A quorum of the Senate is present."

Speaker Madigan: "There being a quorum of the House and a quorum of the Senate in attendance, this Joint Session is convened. We'd like to recognize certain dignitaries who have joined us today. First, the Chief of Staff to Governor Rauner, Mike Zolnierowicz, Mike. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Tim Nuding. The Lieutenant Governor, Evelyn

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Sanguinetti. The Attorney General, Lisa Madigan. The Secretary of State, Jesse White. The Comptroller, Leslie Munger. The Treasurer, Mike Frerichs. The Auditor General, Bill Holland. The Superintendent of the State Board of Education, Chris Koch. Former Member of the House, Congressman Aaron Schock. Chair recognizes the Majority Leader, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the adoption of Joint Session Resolution 2."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Joint Session Resolution #2.

BE IT RESOLVED, That a committee of ten be appointed, five from the House by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate by the President of the Senate, to wait upon Governor Bruce Rauner and invite him to address the Joint Assembly."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie has moved for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to the Resolution, the following are appointed as a committee to escort the Governor. The appointments from the House would be: Representative Jay Hoffman, Representative Stephanie Kifowit, Representative Elgie Sims, Representative Margo McDermed, Representative Peter Breen."

President Cullerton: "The appointments from the Senate are: Senator Donne Trotter, Senator Michael Noland, Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, Senator Karen McConnaughay, and Senator Jim Oberweis."

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Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escorts please convene at the rear of the chamber and await the Governor. The Doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Governor of the State of Illinois, Bruce Rauner, and his party wish to be admitted to this chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "Admit the Governor. Mr. Governor."

Governor Rauner: "Good afternoon. President Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, Leader Radogno, Leader Durkin, Lieutenant Governor Sanguinetti, Attorney General Madigan, Secretary White, Comptroller Munger, Treasurer Frerichs, Members of the General Assembly, thank you for attending today and thank you for your service to the people of Illinois. Over the past week, we've commemorated the life of Illinois's greatest leader, Abraham Lincoln. In the lead up to his signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, President Lincoln delivered a letter to Congress, writing in part: The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion... we must think anew and act anew. While the challenges before us are very different than those that faced our 16th President, here, in the Land of Lincoln, we recognize that the road ahead, our road to a more prosperous future, is a difficult one. And like President Lincoln's call to Congress, we, too, must think anew and act anew. We must be willing to take actions we'd rather avoid and make decisions that may seem unpopular in the short run, but serve the best interests of the people of Illinois in the long run. The budget outlined today is the budget Illinois can afford and that in itself is an example of thinking anew. Because for far too long we have

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been living beyond our means, spending money that Illinois taxpayers could not afford. This budget is honest with the people of Illinois, and it presents an honest path forward. Like a family, we must come together to address the reality we face. Families know that every member can't get everything they want, but we can pay for what we need most. And we can reform our system so we are able to invest more in the future. Because the task before us is so large, all our challenges cannot be solved by a single budget. It will take time to restore Illinois to fiscal health. Now is the time to start on a responsible path after years of financial recklessness. Instilling discipline is not easy, saying no is not popular, but it is now or never for Illinois. It is make or break time. Before we can address next year's budget, we must first solve the current year's crisis. As you know, the current budget was \$1.6 billion in the hole when it was signed last year. And the prior administration directed state agencies not to control their costs. As a result, we are in the middle of a crisis that gets worse every day. The Child Care Assistance Program is out of money and families are worried about how to care for their children. Court reporters will start missing payroll next month, threatening to grind our justice system to a halt. And our state prisons will start missing payroll in early April, making them unable to fulfill their most basic operations. Everyone in this chamber understands the severity of what is immediately in front of us. Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Leader Radogno, Leader Durkin, thank you, thank you all for allowing your staffs to meet with our administration these past weeks to find a responsible solution to our

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immediate budget crisis. It appears that we are very close, literally days away, from a resolution. And every day counts. Members of the General Assembly, now is the time for action. It is time to solve this crisis. Let's continue the Child Care Assistance Program. Let's keep our courtrooms open. And let's keep our corrections officers on duty. Let's put the people of Illinois over partisan politics. Solving this year's crisis will eliminate \$1.6 billion from next year's deficit. Let's get it done. But even after we solve this year's crisis, we will still be left with a budget hole of \$6.2 billion for the coming fiscal year. This huge deficit is the result of years of bad decisions, sleight-of-hand budgeting, and giveaways we could not afford. This is not the result of decreasing tax rates. Some in the General Assembly are eager to discuss new revenue. There's at least one. But before revenue should be discussed, reform is essential. Before we ask the people of Illinois to pay more to fund State Government, we must ensure taxpayers are getting value for their money. Asking for more of the taxpayers' hard-earned money without fundamentally reforming the structure of State Government would further erode public confidence and accelerate our decline. Waste and inefficiency are rampant in our current system. Illinois government is currently designed to benefit those inside the system rather than those working families throughout our state. We must institute major reforms or whatever balanced budget we craft together this year will be undone in the years ahead by the special interests that make their money from the government and pay politicians to spend more. We must eliminate conflicts of

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interest in State Government and end our broken system. These reforms won't be easy. Decades of special interest laws will be difficult to undo, but to be compassionate, we must be competitive. And that means having the political courage to put the people's interests first and the special interests last. Our top priority for financial reform must be our pension system. That is true regardless of the Supreme Court's decision on SB1. Even if our pension systems were fully funded, taxpayers would still be on the hook for \$2 billion, but our pension systems are not fully funded. They are currently \$111 billion in the hole; the worst pension crisis in America. As it stands right now, one out of every four dollars taken from taxpayers by the state goes into a system that is giving more than 11 thousand government retirees tax-free, six-figure pensions worth as much as, in one case, \$450 thousand per year. Without reforms proposed in this budget, nearly 25 cents of every tax dollar will continue going into a broken pension system instead of into our social services safety net, into our schools, or back into the pockets of taxpayers and small businesses. That is unfair and it's unsustainable, and it changes with this budget. Government employees deserve fair and competitive benefits, but we cannot continue to raise taxes on all Illinoisans in order to fund the retirement benefits of a small fraction of our residents. The pension reform plan in this budget will protect every dollar of benefits earned to date. And let me repeat that: this is core. This is core of this issue. The pension reform plan we're proposing protects every dollar of benefits that have earned so far. What you've earned, you're going to

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get. And if you are retired, you get everything you were promised. That is fair and that is right. But moving forward, all future work should be under the Tier 2 pension plan, except for our police officers and our firefighters. Those who put their lives on the line in service to our state deserve to be treated differently, and I believe the public will stand with me in this single case of special treatment. This budget also gives employees hired before 2011 a choice to take a buyout option, a lump sum payment and a defined contribution plan in return for a voluntary reduction in cost-of-living adjustments. It's time to empower our workforce and address one of the biggest fiscal challenges we face. These reforms will yield more than \$2 billion in savings in the first year alone. And... and this is critical as well, and by bringing health care benefits more in line with those received by the taxpayers who pay for them, we can save an additional \$700 million per year. We recognize that some of these reforms cannot be achieved through legislation alone. Some must be achieved through good faith bargaining, and I hope that those on the other side of the table are as committed as I am to achieving the types of meaningful reform that are necessary for Illinois's future. While the state tightens its belt, so too must local governments and transportation agencies. The amount of money transferred to local governments in Illinois has grown 42 percent over the past decade. The state currently transfers \$6 billion every year to local governments. Those governments are currently sitting on more than \$15 billion in cash reserves. Think about that. The reduction in local government sharing in this budget is equal to just 3 percent

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of their total revenue. Along with this modest cutback, our turnaround reforms will reduce unfunded mandates, and give local governments and voters the tools to save hundreds of millions of dollars through consolidation, employment flexibility, and compensation restructuring. Similarly, waste and inefficiency can be cut from the complex web that comprises our public transportation structure. Statewide, our public transportation agencies spend billions of taxpayer dollars. Our budget reductions for the state's largest transit agency amount to less than five percent of its overall budget, and here, too, the proposals in our turnaround agenda give our transportation entities the tools to save hundreds of millions of dollars. Reining in these costs allows us to minimize reductions in other areas of the budget. For Medicaid, our budget reduces costs significantly while maintaining eligibility levels for most lower-income Illinoisans. We plan to reimplement many of the Medicaid reform measures that were enacted just a few years ago by you. And they were well done, well thought out. We are going to reenact those, reimplement those. Many of them have already been undone in recent years. By reinstating the SMART Act and prioritizing our redetermination efforts, we will save hundreds of millions of dollars. Our budget will also reduce costs by fixing our broken criminal justice system. Far... Far too many offenders return to prison within three years of leaving, a vicious and costly cycle. Our prisons are overcrowded. Our corrections officers are overworked. By reforming our criminal justice system, we can make our prisons safer, rehabilitate ex-offenders so they become productive



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members of society, and save many tens of millions of dollars for the taxpayers. Taken together, our turnaround reforms, along with the difficult but necessary choices in this budget, will enable us to invest in our future. Making these tough choices is a small price to pay for the promise of a better tomorrow for our children and our grandchildren. In the gallery today, we are joined by students from Lincoln Community High School in Lincoln, and Lanphier High School and Lincoln Magnet School here in Springfield. This budget allows us to invest in them. We are going to invest in you and all the school children in our state. For years, state support for education has been cut, even when it didn't have to be. It's time to make education our top priority again, and that... and that's what this budget does. We start by increasing high-quality early childhood education options for our most vulnerable children. Every dollar invested today in early childhood education saves us more than \$7 in the future. Increasing funding for our youngest is the smart and the compassionate thing to do. This budget also increases K-12 education funding by \$300 million, helping school districts in our state that most need our support. We have much more work to do together to make our schools among the best in the nation, but we are proud of the commitment we're making together with you in this budget. What we propose today is a turnaround budget. It improves public safety, provides care for our most vulnerable residents, boosts funding for education, and restructures the core costs of State Government that are holding us back. However, while this budget begins to fix our financial problems, the only real

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answer to our challenges is to become pro-growth again. We need... we need a booming economy; more small businesses and entrepreneurs starting here, and more people and businesses moving here. If we don't take action now to expand the economic pie, the people of Illinois will forever be left to fight over smaller and smaller slices. Our citizens deserve a path to economic growth and empowerment, and that means putting people first and special interests last. To grow our economy, we must enact meaningful workers' compensation reform, unemployment insurance reform, lawsuit reform, pension reform, and tax reform. We've got to freeze property taxes, they're our most punishing taxes in Illinois, cut the red tape... cut the red tape inside state and local government, and let people control their own economic destinies. We need to end the corrupt bargains inside government and the... end the conflicts of interest in our government. We need to finally let the people have their say on a Term Limits Amendment to the State Constitution. If we make these reforms, we'll be laying a solid foundation for economic growth and prosperity. With reform, we will be able to invest more in education and give our kids world-class schools. We'll be able to invest more in our social services safety net to help our most vulnerable residents. And we'll be able to invest more in our infrastructure, which is critical. The turnaround plan here reflects President Lincoln's call to think anew and act anew. In it, we end the irresponsible and reckless practices of the past, and make sure they don't happen again. We make difficult choices that no one wants to make, but it's what this occasion requires. And it's what we were all elected

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to do; make choices based on what's best for the next generation, not for the next election. This is our last, best chance to get our House in order. Let's get it done together. Thank you all very much. And God bless you for your service to the people of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escorts please come forward to escort the Governor from the chamber? The President of the Senate is recognized for a Motion."

President Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the Joint Session do now arise."

Speaker Madigan: "The President of the Senate has moved that the Joint Session do now arise. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Joint Session will now arise. The regular Session will come to order."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Lang in the Chair. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "Attention Members of the House, the following committees have been canceled this afternoon. Insurance was canceled... The Insurance Committee has been canceled this afternoon; Juvenile Justice & System-Involved Youth has been canceled; Cities & Villages have been canceled; Environment has been canceled; Financial Institutions was canceled. The following committees are meeting at 2:30. Agriculture & Conservation in Room D-1; Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges in 118. At 3:30 p.m., Consumer Protection is meeting in C-1, Health Care Availability and Accessibility is meeting in one... Room 115, and Judiciary-Criminal is meeting in D-1."

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Speaker Lang: "And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Thursday, February 19 at the hour of 11 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. And the 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned 'til tomorrow, Thursday, February 19 at the hour of 11 a.m."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 116, offered by Representative Ammons. House Resolution 125, offered by Representative Costello. House Resolution 127, offered by Representative Christian Mitchell. House Resolution 128, offered by Representative Jones. House Resolution 132, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell. House Resolution 133, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 134, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 135, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 136, offered by Representative Reaves-Harris. House Resolution 137, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 138, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 140, offered by Representative Brown. House Resolution 141, offered by Representative Lilly. House Resolution 144, offered by Representative Zalewski. House Resolution 146, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 147, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 148, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 149, offered by Representative Willis. House Resolution 152, offered by Representative Cloonen. House Resolution 155, offered by Representative Moffitt. House Resolution 156, offered by Representative Sosnowski. House Resolution 160, offered by

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Representative Greg Harris. House Joint Resolution 19, offered by Representative Sosnowski. House Joint Resolution 20, offered by Representative Ives. House Joint Resolution 21, offered by Representative Brauer. House Joint Resolution 22, offered by Representative Mayfield. House Joint Resolution 23, offered by Representative Costello. House Joint Resolution 24, offered by Representative Flowers. House Joint Resolution 25, offered by Representative Costello. House Joint Resolution 26, offered by Representative Zalewski. House Joint Resolution 27, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Joint Resolution 28, offered by Representative Sims. House Joint Resolution 29, offered by Representative Moffitt. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 2469, offered by Representative Brown, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2470, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2471, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2472, offered by Representative Davis, Monique, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2473, offered by Representative Davis, Monique, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2474, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2475, offered by Representative Burke, Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2476, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2477, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning

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regulation. House Bill 2478, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 2479, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2480, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2481, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2482, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2483, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2484, offered by Representative Reaves-Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2485, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2486, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 2487, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 2488, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 2489, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2490, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2491, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2492, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2493, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2494, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2495, offered by Representative Yingling, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill

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2496, offered by Representative Guzzardi, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2497, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2498, offered by Representative Burke, Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2499, offered by Representative Burke, Daniel, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2500, offered by Representative Burke, Daniel, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2501, offered by Representative Burke, Daniel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2502, offered by Representative Burke, Daniel, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2503, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2504, offered by Representative Harris, David, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2505, offered by Representative Harris, David, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2506, offered by Representative Harris, David, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2507, offered by Representative Martwick, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2508, offered by Representative Harris, David, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 2509, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2510, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2511, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2512, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2513,

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offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2514, offered by Representative Martwick, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2515, offered by Representative Cloonen, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2516, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2517, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2518, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2519, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2520, offered by Representative Harris, Greg, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2521, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2522, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2523, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2524, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2525, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2526, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2527, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2528, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 2529, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2530, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2531, offered



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by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning jobs creation. House Bill 2532, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2533, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2534, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2535, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2536, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2537, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2538, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2539, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2540, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2541, offered by Representative Davis, Monique, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 2542, offered by Representative Davis, Monique, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2543, offered by Representative Davis, Monique, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2544, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 2545, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 2546, offered by Representative Demmer, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2547, offered by Representative Demmer, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2548, offered by Representative Batinick, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2549, offered by Representative

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Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."