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Speaker Turner: "Members are asked to be at their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Mike... Michael Mauriello who is with Village Church of Lincolnshire in Lake Forest, Illinois. Reverend Mauriello is the guest of Representative Sente. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Reverend Mauriello: "Let's pray. Father, Illinois and its governance shoulder enormous challenges that have no easy answers. These economic, political, and moral questions press upon the people. And so, the people have sent these delegates, chosen from among them here to this chamber, to speak for them in matters of law and justice. A government of the people, by the people, and for the people. This Body faces hard decisions which cannot be made lightly, formidable obstacles presenting a clear path to a whole state. Lack of resources, manpower, the inheritance of poor policies, and the absence of dialog block the way to right and true governance for a wary people. Beyond this, the heart of each Representative is weighed down by the care of specific citizens in their districts. Each knows several people who are in need of advocacy in this chamber; moreover, these delegates have parents, siblings, spouses, children, some of whom are sick or in deep crisis. To support the cares of thousands is overwhelming. To be weighed down by the cares of family is heartbreaking. Even more, this gathering takes these Represent... Representatives far from home. So noble of building, indeed any place of gathered appointed power, is never meant to be home. Home is among the people these

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delegates serve and among family. I am grateful for their endurance. I pray for rest, time for family, and worship, thriving marriages, worship, and peace. This work makes the soul weary. Refresh them. Lord, if the Leaders are weary, what of the people? They are rightly frustrated. They wonder why such thoughtful Leaders struggle to dialog, to negotiate, and come to terms with one another. We, the people, look to them, chosen among the people, to cooperate and compromise for the good of the people. We are ready for this Body to lead, not simply Illinois, but the nation to a renewed way of doing work of the people. The proverbs say, that the heart of the king is like water in the hand of the Lord. So, I pray that in your power in sovereignty over the hearts of all people, that you would foster true dialog and cooperation between upstate and downstate Representatives, between Democrats and Republicans and between Representatives of different ethnic backgrounds. I pray they would be active, fruitful listeners. I pray that we'd be cooperative and look for the truth in a different perspective. Give freedom to each one's conscious to vote by reason and truth, and not by slavery to Party division or the wicked power of any political machine. I pray that the freedom desired by the people, and the society needed by the people, will be modeled here in this chamber in the way this Body conducts the business of the state. Lord, the people of Illinois are also the people of the United States. Illinois's own President Lincoln loved the Constitution and I pray that these gathered here would know it, revere it, and uphold it, not nearly in letter, but in spirit. May Illinois be forever true to this foundation of

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American government in touchstone of freedom. Lord, the eyes of Illinois look to this place. Familiar eyes also look beyond here to You. Our nation's founders were wise to encode that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or promoting the free exercise thereof, or bridging the freedom of speech or of the press... or the right of people to peaceably assemble and to petition the government for address of grievances. I am grateful, Lord, that this Session is marked by prayer. So, I close freely exercising a prayer to You in this place of liberty. Jesus taught us humility, forgiveness, reconciliation, and vulnerability. What if this place was like Him? We could no ask for... we could ask for no greater guy than He, a truly free and human person. Like Him let us all speak up for the poor and needy and do what is right and fair not only for this Body's sake, and not only for the people sake, but for Your sake. Therefore, I offer this invocation in the name of Your risen and exulted Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord, Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Ford."

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

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

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. And please let the record show that Representatives Drury, Golar, Gordon-Booth and Mautino are excused today."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Brown."

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Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Mike Tryon is excused today and the thoughts of this Body are with him. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "With 113 Member present, a quorum is established. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 04, 2015: recomen... referred to Second Reading, approved for consideration is House Bill 575, House Bill 576, House Bill 577, House Bill 578, House Bill 644, House Bill 645, House Bill 646, House Bill 678, House Bill 697, House Bill 698, House Bill 851, House Bill 852, House Bill 7... correction, House Bill 972, House Bill 973; approved for consideration, referred to Third Reading is House Bill 3933; recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is House... Floor Amendment #4 to House Bill 3933, Floor Amendment #1 to House Resolution 11."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Chapa LaVia, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. You look really great today."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative."

Chapa LaVia: "A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Sir. Through the Latino Family Commission we created in the State of Illinois, the very first Latino Veteran Committee. And I'd like to acknowledge, by name, each one that's up in to the gallery today. We have Michael Wallace, if he could stand, with the Veteran's Commission, back there. We have Elba Aranda Suh. We have Hank Martinez.

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If you don't know Hank, you should know Hank, 'cause he's done a lot great state... stuff for this state for veterans out of his own pocket. Paul Roldan, Martin Perez, Abundio Zaragoza, and Elis Guereca or Elias, if you will. If we could give them welcome to the Capitol, I'd appreciate it."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Tabares, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Tabares: "I rise on the point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Tabares: "Today we commemorate Cinco de Mayo, a holiday we commonly associate with great food and music. However, we also recognize the deep history attached to this holiday, where Mexican troops successfully defeated a larger, stronger, dominant French force and earned their freedom. This victory allowed Mexico and the United States to build an alliance that still holds strong today. The courageous efforts of those who fought 153 years ago echo to modern day as Latinos continue to demonstrate resilience in an unrelenting motivation to succeed. Let us continue the strong bond between the U.S. and Mexico between the celebration of Cinco de Mayo with Illinois leading as an example. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Lilly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Lilly: "Thank you. I am again standing on behalf of COWL. We have our annual Capitol Capers scheduled for May 13. Our first rehearsal will be May 7, after committee Members... committee

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meetings in the Stratton on the third floor. Again, we need participants, talented individuals like yourself to participate on May 7, which is Thursday after committee meetings at the Stratton on the third floor. Go Capitol Capers."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Soto, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Soto: "I rise on a point of personal privilege. I also..."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Soto: "Thank you. I also want to commend the Veteran's Committee, all that are here today. I am very proud of what we're doing with the commission, which now has a committee of veterans. So, again, I just want to... I just want to rise and give them an round of applause, because we have many veterans living in the State of Illinois and we just always need to recognize them. Thank you. And I am... and I will also be part of the committee. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Unes, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Unes: "I would like to introduce four very special guests. My four Pages for the day today, all from Pekin High School. We have Mina Vogel, who will be graduating next... early next fall. She is a junior from Pekin High School. And the other three are seniors from Pekin High School. Also with us are Al... Alexandra Linson, Courtney Psinas, and Jenna Lowe. Can we

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please welcome them to the General Assembly and visiting their Capitol today? Mr. Speaker, thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Hernandez, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Hernandez: "In lieu of the celebration of Cinco de Mayo and Unity Day, the Latino Caucus would like to invite all Assembly Members to participate in our celebration at the Old Capitol. The Cinco de Mayo it has moved to the Old Capitol. Please, please know that it's at the Old Capitol 6 to 6:30, we'll see you all there."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Moffitt, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Moffitt: "Two quick points. The first one being there's several celebrations tonight. I believe they involve food. And just want to remind Members if you want to be in the weight loss contest, weigh in begins tomorrow. So, after a nice night out would be a good time start your weight loss contest. At the s office, second floor, Wednesday and Thursday between 8 and 5. So, after you've celebrated tonight, you can start tomorrow. Second item, I'm pleased to have my... my son-in-law was Representative Sente's guest. My daughter is here and two granddaughter that are going to be Pages, Lillian and Grace

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Mauriello. And in the interest of bipartisanship, I think they're going to Page on the Democrat side. So, we're reaching across the aisle. Thank you. If you'd welcome my daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughters I'd appreciate it."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. And welcome to your Capitol. Representative Will Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davis, W.: "For an announcement."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Davis, W.: "If Members of the chamber... for the Members who are on the Elementary & Secondary Education Appropriations Committee the work group scheduled for 3:00 today has been canceled. No work group for K though 12 Appropriations today has been canceled. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Brady, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Brady: "I, too, just want to introduce to the General Assembly today my Page Emily Markle, who's from Deerfield, Illinois. And who's here with her grandfather Rodger Hunt from my Legislative district in Bloomington. Please welcome Emily to the Illinois General Assembly, folks."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. And Welcome to your Capitol. The Chair recognizes Majority Leader Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I move that the House now stand... resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of a subject matter hearing on workers'

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compensation issues in accordance with guidelines established by the Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "You heard the Lady's Motion. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted and the House hereby resolves into a Committee of the Whole. Is there leave for the Attendance Roll Call to be accepted for purposes of establishing a quorum in the committee? Leave is granted and a quorum is established. Representative Hoffman is appointed as the chair of the Committee of the Whole and is recognized to conduct a hearing in accordance with the schedules established by the Speaker."

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

Clerk Hollman: "All committees for the afternoon have been canceled. All committees for the day have been canceled."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 437, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 438, offered by Representative Monique Davis. House Resolution 441, offered by Representative Monique Davis. House Resolution 443, offered by Representative Phelps. House Resolution 444, offered by Representative Phelps. House Resolution 445, offered by Representative Evans."

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Speaker Turner: "Leader Nekritz moves that the House adopt the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair 'ayes' have it and the Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk. Leader Nekritz moves that the House adjourned until Wednesday, May 6 at the hour of 11 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair 'ayes' have it and the House is adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4209, offered by Representative Thapedi, a Bill for an Act concerning racial profiling. House Bill 4210, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4211, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4212, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 377, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 438, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 691, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1470, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1529, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction of Senate Joint Resolution 13, offered by Representative Nekritz. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction of Resolutions.

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House Resolution 439, offered by Representative Mussman.
House Resolution 440, offered by Representative Monique
Davis. House Resolution 442, offered by Representative
McSweeney. These are referred to the Rule's Committee. There
being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will
stand adjourned."