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Clerk Mapes: "Members, the House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 41, offered by Representative Currie is referred to the Rules Committee. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on February 10, 2016: approved for consideration, referred to the Order of Resolutions is Senate Joint Resolution 41."

Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. The House shall come to order. Could we discontinue the conversations? We shall be led in prayer today by His Excellency the Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Springfield and Illinois. Bishop Paprocki is the guest of Speaker Madigan. Would the guests... the Members and the guests refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance?"

Bishop Paprocki: "Let us pray. Almighty God, we praise You for the goodness of Your creation and we come to You in prayer seeking Your blessings on the President of the United States, all of our governmental officials and all of the people of the State of Illinois. Today, on this Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the discipline of lent, we pray that this time of repentance and reconciliation will fill us with the Holy Spirit, purify our hearts and strengthen us in love. May Your grace help us to bridge our differences and achieve consensus for the sake of the common good. In this extraordinary year of mercy, as proclaimed by his holiness Pope Francis, may we echo the word of God that resounds strong

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and clear as a message and sign of pardon, strength, aid and His love. May we never tire of extending mercy and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May we become the voice of every man and woman and repeat confidently, without end, the timeless plea of the psalmist. Be mindful of Your mercy, Oh Lord, and Your steadfast love for they have been from of old. May we take inspiration from Springfield's most famous citizen, Abraham Lincoln, who reminded us when he was a Member of the Illinois House of Representatives that a house divided against itself cannot stand. May we heed his call and follow his example. We ask You, dear God, to grant these prayers and lead us to the glory of Your kingdom where You live and reign forever and ever. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Currie."

Currie - 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 Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie, any absences?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Dan Burke is excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that all Republicans are present this morning. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 117 Members present, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mapes: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to suspend all applicable rules so that we might give immediate consideration to the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 41."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Mr. Clerk. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you. This is the Resolution that calls for the Joint Session of the Legislature so that we might hear from President Barack Obama. I urge your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk. The regular Session will stand in recess. The doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper, please admit the Honorable Senators. As designated in Senate Joint Resolution 41, 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 Mapes: "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, the Joint Session is convened."

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The Chair would like to announce the presence of two Members of the Supreme Court: Justice Kilbride and Justice Theis. The Joint Session shall stand at ease until 12:30. The Joint Session shall stand at ease until 12:30."

Clerk Mapes: "Members, there's a few announcements you should be aware of in light of today's activities. One, is you may take pictures today. But this... that you can't do. But... but without flashes. Flashes will... are not appropriate for today, okay? But you can take pictures. Number two, there... for the Members there is lunch in Room 114. You're welcome to go down now and have a bite to eat, but I would ask you to be back in this chamber at 12:30 p.m. By 12:30, back in this room, please. And then you'll be in this room until the President's concluded his remarks. As you may know, you cannot use this door or the doors behind the chamber. You will only be able to come and go from the main entry doors on the third floor, okay? And in addition, you will need the floor pass that you have been given... House Floor pass. Any questions? Thank you. Enjoy a brief break. Members, Members. Some requests have been made if you could have their pictures... if you could have your picture taken at the podium. It's fine with us, but you cannot touch anything on the back podium and it can only be on the upper podium and not in this area. Okay? So if you wish, go ahead. Members, Members. If the Members are wanting water, there are small water bottles back at the entrance to the room, if you have an interest. Okay? Thank you. Members, Members. Shhh. Would everyone please take their seats now, please. Please. Shhh. People in the gallery if you will please take your seats. Please take your seats. Members, shhh. Can

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we please be in your seats... and that means for today... for the moment's purposes, seated. Not near your seats but in a seat or chair so we make sure everybody has a location in which to sit. Thank you. Can I give some further instructions for we've just had some new Members arrive mainly from the other chamber? For today, you may take pictures without a flash. No flashes allowed today unless you'd like to have your device confiscated, okay. These are the same rules we use when the Governor speaks to the General Assembly for the last several administrations. So no flash today. And for the moment we'll be in a brief waiting mode, but I will tell you that we're not too far away. Does anyone need a bottle of water? You want one? Okay. Could... shhh. Could we do this? If you would like a bottle of water, Moe and Wes... if you would just hold up your hand and the guys will bring down bottles of water for you. It's fine. Just give us a moment. You're going to be here for a little while, so if you think you need it I suggest you get it. Members, Members, could you please take your seats? Please take your seats. Please take your seats. Please take your seats quickly. La Shawn... Representative Ford, please take your seat. Representative Flowers. Members, shhh."

Speaker Madigan: "We need the Members to be in their chairs. It's my great honor and the great honor of President Cullerton to present to you a son of Illinois, the President of the United States, Barack Obama."

President Obama: "Hey. Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you, everybody. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you,

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everybody. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Everybody, please have a seat. Have a seat. Thank you so much. Aw, thank you so much. Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, Members of the General Assembly, my fellow Illinoisans, it's actually kind of fun to start a speech like that twice in one month. What an incredible privilege it is to address this chamber. And to Governor Rauner, Senator Durbin, members of Congress, Speaker Madigan, former Governor Pat Quinn, Mayor Langfelder and the people of Springfield, thank you for such a warm welcome as I come back home. Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you. It's good to be home. Thank you, guys. It's very nice. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you so much. It is, well, it... it is great to see so many old friends like John Cullerton and Emil Jones. I miss you guys. Yes, it's great to be in the State Capitol. You know, being here today calls to mind the first time I spoke on the Senate Floor, almost 20 years ago. And I was passionate, idealistic, ready to make a difference. Just to stand in that magnificent chamber was enough to fill me up with a heightened sense of purpose. And I probably needed a little dose of reality when I first arrived. So one day, I... I rose to speak about a Bill. And I thought I'd made some compelling points, with irrefutable logic. And I was about to sit down, feeling pretty good about myself, when Pate Philip sauntered over to my desk. Now, but... there are some young people here, so for those of you who don't remember, Pate Philip was the Senate Majority Leader at the time. He was a Marine, and big shock of white hair, stomped... chomped on a cigar, was so politically incorrect that it's... you don't even know how to describe it.

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But he always treated me well. And he came by and he slapped me on the back, he said, 'Kid, that was a pretty good speech. In fact, I think you changed a lot of minds, but you didn't change any votes.' And he signaled, and the gavel, we got blown out. That was my first lesson in humility. The next came when I presented my own first Bill. It was a simple piece of legislation that would make it a lot easier for Illinois manufacturers to hire graduating community college students. I didn't know any serious opposition, so I asked for a vote. And what I got was a good hazing. I assume that this custom still exists. So a senior colleague put the vote on hold to ask, 'Could you correctly pronounce your name for me? I'm having a little trouble with it.' 'Obama,' I said. 'Is that Irish?' he asked. And being in my early 30s at the time, I was a little cocky, I said, 'It will be when I run countywide.' 'That was a good joke,' he said, but he wasn't amused. 'This Bill is still going to die.' And he went on to complain that my predecessor's name was easier to pronounce than mine, that I didn't have cookies at my desk like she did. How would I ever expect to get any votes without having cookies on my desk? 'I definitely urge a 'no' vote,' he said, 'whatever your name is.' And for the next several minutes, the Senate debated on whether I should add an apostrophe to my name for the Irish, or whether the fact that 'Obama' ends with a vowel meant that I actually belonged to the Italians, and just how many trees had had to die to print this terrible, miserable Bill anyway. And I was chastened. And I said, 'If I survive this event, I will be eternally grateful and consider this a highlight of my legal and legislative career.'

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And I asked for a vote. And initially, the tote board showed that it was going down, but at the last minute it flipped and my Bill passed. But I was duly reminded that I was a freshman in the Minority. And I want to thank all my former colleagues in both chambers for not letting me forget it. To be a rookie in the Minority Party, as I was, is not much fun in any Legislature. And we were called 'mushrooms', because we were kept in the dark and fed a lot of manure. You know, but one benefit of... of being in such a position, not being invited into the meetings where the big deals were being made... is that I had a lot of time to get to know my colleagues. And many of us were away from our families, and so we became friends. We went to fish fries together. We'd go to the union halls. We'd play in golf scrambles. We had a great bipartisan poker game at the Illinois Manufacturer's Association. Boro Relijie would host, folks like Dave Luechtefeld, Terry Link, others would join in. We'd eat downstairs. I can't say I miss the horseshoes. But away from the glare of TV, or the tweets, or the GIFs of today's media, what we discovered was that despite our surface differences, Democrats and Republicans, downstate hog farmers, inner-city African Americans, suburban businesspeople, Latinos from Pilsen or Little Village, despite those differences, we actually had a... a lot in common. We cared about our communities. We cared about our families. We cared about America. We fought hard for our positions. And I don't want to be nostalgic here, we voted against each other all the time. And Party lines held most of the time, but those relationships, that trust we'd built, meant that we came at each debate assuming the best in one another and not the

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worst. I was reminiscing with Christine Radogno, we came in in the same class. And we were on the opposite sides of most issues, but I always trusted her and believed that she was a good person. And if we had a Bill that we might be able to work together on, it was a pleasure to work with her on. Or Dave Syverson, who we were together on Public Health and Welfare Committee, and we got some important work done that made a difference in people's lives. And we didn't call each other idiots or fascists who were trying to destroy America 'cause then we'd have to explain why we were playing poker or having a drink with an idiot or a fascist who was trying to destroy America. And that respect gave us room for progress. And after I'd served here for six years, my Party finally gained the Majority. Emil Jones became the President of the Senate. And by then, I had made some friends across the aisle, like Kirk Dillard, who I believe is here today, and we were able to pass the first serious ethics reform in 25 years. And working closely with law enforcement, who knew by then that we cared about cops and sheriffs and prosecutors, and working with folks like John Cullerton, we passed Illinois's first racial profiling law, which was good for police officers and minority communities. And because someone like my friend, John Bouman, who worked at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, helped us build coalitions across the state, including with business, and was able to then reach out to Republicans, we were able to increase tax credits for the working poor and expand health insurance to children in need. We wouldn't bend on our most deeply held principles, but we were willing to forge compromises in pursuit of a larger goal. We were

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practical when we needed to be. We could fight like heck on one issue and then shake hands on the next. Somebody like Jesse White, you know, was able to travel around the state and people didn't even know what Party he was necessarily from because he brought so much joy with the tumblers and the work that they were doing. So I want you to know that this is why I've always believed so deeply in a better kind of politics, in part because of what I learned here in this Legislature. Because what I learned traveling across the state, visiting some of your districts, before I was running statewide, before I was a U.S. Senator, learning all the corners of this state, this most-representative of states. A state of small towns and rich farmland, and the world's great... greatest city. A microcosm of America, where Democrats and Republicans and Independents, and good people of every ethnicity and every faith shared certain bedrock values. I just saw a story the other day showing that if you rank all 50 states across categories like education levels and household incomes, and race and religion, the one state that most closely mirrors America as a whole is Illinois, this state. And I learned by talking to your constituents that if you were willing to listen, it was possible to bridge a lot of differences. I learned that most Americans aren't following the ins and outs of the Legislature carefully, but they instinctively know that issues are more complicated than rehearsed sound bites; they play differently in different parts of the state and the country. They understand the difference between realism and idealism, the difference between responsibility and recklessness. They had the

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maturity to know what can and cannot be compromised and to admit the possibility that the other side just might have a point. And it convinced me that if we just approached our national politics the same way the American people approach their daily lives, at the workplace, at the Little League game, at church or the synagogue, with common sense, and a commitment to fair play and basic courtesy, that there is no problem that we couldn't solve together. And that was the vision that guided me when I first ran for the United States Senate. That's the vision I shared when I said we are more than just a collection of red states and blue states, but we are the United States of America. And that vision is why, nine years ago today, on the steps of the Old State Capitol just a few blocks from here, I announced my candidacy for President. Now, over these nine years, I want you to know my faith in the generosity and the fundamental goodness of the American people has been rewarded and affirmed over and over and over again. I've seen it in the determination of autoworkers who had been laid off but were sure that they could once again be a part of a great, iconic American industry. I've seen it in the single mom who goes back to school even as she's working and looking after her kids 'cause she wants a better life for that next generation. I've seen it in the vision and.. and risk-taking of small businessmen. I've seen it time and time again in the courage of our troops. But it's been noted often by pundits that the tone of our politics hasn't gotten better since I was inaugurated, in fact it's gotten worse; that there's still this yawning gap between the magnitude of our challenges and the smallness of

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our politics. Which is why, in my final State of the Union Address and in the one before that, I had to acknowledge that one of my few regrets is my inability to reduce the polarization and meanness in our politics. I was able to... to be part of that here and yet couldn't translate it the way I wanted to into our politics in Washington. And people ask me why I've devoted so much time to this topic. And I tell them it's not just because I'm President, and the polarization and the gridlock are frustrating to me, the fact is we've gotten a heck of a lot done these past seven years, despite the gridlock. We saved the economy from a depression. We brought back an auto industry from the brink of collapse. We helped our businesses create 14 million new jobs over the past six years. We cut the unemployment rate from 10 percent to 4.9 percent. We covered nearly 18 million more Americans with health insurance. We ignited a clean energy revolution. We got bin Laden. We brought the vast majority of our troops home to their families. Our... We got a lot done. We're still getting a lot done. And our political system helped make these things possible, and the list could go on. There's no doubt America is better off today than when I took office. So... so I, and see, I didn't want it just to be a State of the Union speech where we have the standing up and the sitting down. Come on, guys, you know better than that. But... but this will... no, no, no, but... no, no, no, no, I mean, I've got a serious point to make here. I've got a serious point to make here because this is part of the issue, right? We have... we have an importation of our politics nationally, and on cable and talk radio, and it... it seeps into everything. The point I'm... I'm

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trying to make is I care about fixing our politics not only because I'm President today, or because some of my initiatives have been blocked by Congress, that happens to every President, it happens to every Governor, it happens to everybody who participates in any.. anybody who participates in a democracy. You're not going to get a hundred percent of what you want all the time. The reason this is important to me is next year I'll still hold the most important title of all, and that's the title of citizen. And as an American citizen, I understand that our progress is not inevitable, our progress has never been inevitable. It must be fought for and won by all of us with the kind of patriotism that our fellow Illinoisan, Adlai Stevenson, once described not as a 'short, frenzied outburst of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.' It requires citizenship and a sense that we are one. And today that kind of citizenship is threatened by a poisonous political climate that pushes people away from participating in our public life. It turns folks off. It discourages them, makes them cynical. And when that happens, more powerful and extreme voices fill the void. When that happens, progress stalls. And that's how we end up with only a handful of lobbyists setting the agenda. That's how we end up with policies that are detached from what working families face every day. That's how we end up with the well-connected who publicly demand that government stay out of their business but then whisper in its ear for special treatment. That's how our political system gets consumed by small things when we are a people that are called to do great things: to give everybody a shot in a changing economy, to

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keep America safe and strong in an uncertain world, to repair our climate before it threatens everything we leave for our kids. So that's what's on my mind as I come back to Illinois today. This is what will be a focus of mine over the course of this year, and beyond: what can we do, all of us, together, to try to make our politics better? And I speak to both sides on this. As all of you know, it could be better, and all of you would feel prouder of the work you do if it was better. So first, let's put to rest a couple of myths about our politics. One is the myth that the problems with our politics are new. They are not. American politics has never been particularly gentle or high-minded especially not during times of great change. As I mentioned when I visited a mosque in Maryland last week, Thomas Jefferson's opponent tried to stir things up by suggesting he was a Muslim. So I'm in good company. But that's nothing compared to the newspaper which warned that if Jefferson were elected, 'murder, robbery, rape, adultery, and incest will be openly taught and practiced.' His Vice President, Aaron Burr, literally killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel. I don't want to even tell you what Andrew Jackson's opponents said about his mama. Lincoln, himself, was routinely called 'weak, wishy-washy,' a 'yahoo,' 'an unshapely man,' 'the obscene ape of Illinois,' and my favorite, a 'facetious pettifogger.' I don't know what that means, but it sounds insulting. So comparatively speaking, today is not that bad as long as you've got a thick skin. As Harold Washington once said: 'Politics ain't beanbag.' It's tough. And that's okay. There's also the notion sometimes that our politics are broken because politicians are

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significantly more corrupt or beholden to big money than they used to be. Well, there's no doubt that lobbyists still have easier access to the halls of power than the average American. There's a lot of work that we need to do to make sure that the system works for ordinary people and not just the well-connected. That's true at the federal level; that's true at the state level. Folks aren't entirely wrong when they feel as if the system too often is rigged and does not address their interests. But relative to the past, listen, I'm confident we've got enough rules and checks to prevent anyone in my Cabinet from siphoning whiskey tax revenue into their own pockets like President Grant's administration did. Until FDR went after the ward bosses of Tammany Hall, they were con... they controlled judges and politicians as they pleased: patronage, bribery, and money laundering. It's not as easy as it was to whip up tens of thousands of phantom votes, whether in Chicago or South Texas. From the Teapot Dome to Watergate, history tells us we should always be vigilant and demand that our public servants follow the highest ethical standards. But the truth is that the kind of corruption that is blatant, of the sort that we saw in the past, is much less likely in today's politics. And the Justice Department and the media work hard to keep it that way. And that's a very good thing. But we don't want to romanticize the past and think somehow it's a difference in the people being elected. And it also isn't true that today's issues are inherently more polarizing than the past. I... remember, we endured four years of Civil War that resulted in hundreds of thousands of dead Americans. This country was divided on a fundamental question. Before

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Pearl Harbor, entering into World War II was a highly charged debate. The fault lines of Vietnam, the culture wars of the '60s, they still echo into our politics a half-century later. We've been arguing since our founding over the proper size and role of government, the meaning of individual freedom and equality, over war and peace, and the best way to give all of our citizens opportunity. And these are important debates that everybody should join with all the rigor that a free people require. My point is, the problem is not that politicians are worse; the problem is not that the issues are tougher. And so it's important for us to understand that the situation we find ourselves in today is not somehow unique or hopeless. We've always gone through periods when our democracy seems stuck. And when that happens, we have to find a new way of doing business. We're in one of those moments. We've got to build a better politics. One that's less of a spectacle and more of a battle of ideas; one that's less of a business and more of a mission; one that understands the success of the American experiment rests on our willingness to engage all our citizens in this work. And that starts by acknowledging that we do have a problem. And we all know it. What's different today is the nature and the extent of the polarization. How ideologically divided the Parties are is brought about by some of the same long-term trends in our politics and our culture. The Parties themselves have become more homogeneous than ever. A great sorting has taken place that drove Southern conservatives out of the Democratic Party, Northern moderates out of the Republican Party, so you don't have within each Party as much diversity of views. And

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you've got a fractured media. Some folks watch *FOX News*; some folks read *The Huffington Post*. And very often, what's profitable is the most sensational conflict and the most incendiary sound bites. And we can choose our own facts. We don't have a common basis for what's true and what's not. I mean, if I listened to some of these conservative pundits, I wouldn't vote for me either. I sound like a scary guy. You've got advocacy group... groups that, frankly, sometimes benefit from keeping their members agitated as much as possible, assured of the righteousness of their cause. Unlimited dark money... money that nobody knows where it's coming from, who's paying... drowns out ordinary voices. And far too many of us surrender our voices entirely by choosing not to vote. And... and this polarization is pervasive and it seeps into our society to the point where surveys even suggest that many Americans wouldn't want their kids to date someone from another political Party. Now, some of us don't want our kids dating, period, but that's a losing battle. But this isn't just a... an abstract problem for political scientists. This has real impact on whether or not we can get things done together. This has a real impact on whether families are able to support themselves, or... or whether the homeless are... are getting shelter on a cold day. It makes a difference as to the quality of the education that kids are getting. This is not an abstraction. But so often these debates, particularly in Washington but increasingly in State Legislatures, become abstractions. It's as if there are no people involved; it's just cardboard... board cutouts and caricatures of positions. It encourages the kind of ideological fealty that rejects any

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compromise as a form of weakness. And in a big, complicated democracy like ours, if we can't compromise, by definition, we can't govern ourselves. Look, I... I am a progressive Democrat. I am proud of that. I make no bones about it. I believe... I'm going to make another point here. I believe that people should have access to health care. I believe they should have access to a good public education. I believe that workers deserve a higher minimum wage. I believe that collective bargaining is critical to the prospects of the middle class, and that pensions are vital to retirement, as long as they're funded responsibly. Hold on a second. Hold on a second. Sit down, Democrats. Sit down. Sit down, just for a second. I appreciate that, but I want to make this larger point. I believe we're judged by how we care for the poor and the vulnerable. I... I believe that in order to live up to our ideals, we have to continually fight discrimination in all its forms. I... I believe in science, and the science behind things like climate change, and that... and that a transition to cleaner sources of energy will... will help preserve the planet for our future generations. I believe in a tough, smart foreign policy that says America will never hesitate to protect our people and our allies, but that we should use every element of our power and never rush to war. Those are the things I believe, but... but here's the point I want to make. I believe that there are a lot of Republicans who share many of these same values, even though they may disagree with me on the means to achieve them. I think sometimes my Republican colleagues make constructive points about outdated regulations that may need to be changed, or programs that,

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even though well-intended, didn't always work the way they were supposed to. And where I've got an opportunity to find some common ground, that doesn't make me a sellout to my own Party. That applies... now, the same... well, we'll talk later, Dunkin. You just sit down. So... we are... this is what happens, everybody starts cherry-picking. One thing I've learned is folks don't change. So... so, trying to find common ground doesn't... doesn't make me less of a Democrat or less of a progressive. It means I'm trying to get stuff done. And the same applies to a Republican who, heaven forbid, might agree with me on a particular issue or if I said America is great, decided to stand during the State of the Union. It's not a controversial proposition. You're... you're not going to get in trouble. But... but the fact that that's hard to do, that is... is a testament to how difficult our politics has become. Because they're... folks are worried, well, I'm going to get yelled at by here, or this blogger's going to write that, or you know, this talk show host is going to talk about me, and suddenly I've got a challenger, and... and calling me a RINO or a, you know, not... not a real progressive. So when I hear voices in either Party boast of their refusal to compromise as an accomplishment in and of itself, I'm not impressed. All that does is prevent what most Americans would consider actual accomplishments like: fixing roads, educating kids, passing budgets, cleaning our environment, making our streets safe. Yeah, it cuts both ways, guys. Yeah, I see that suddenly everybody is standing. I... this is fascinating to watch. The point is, it cuts both ways. Our Founders trusted us with the keys to this system of self-government. Our politics is the

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place where we try to make this incredible machinery work, where we come together to settle our differences and solve big problems, do big things together that we could not possibly do alone. And our Founders anchored all this in a visionary Constitution that separates power and demands compromise, precisely to prevent one Party, or one wing of a Party, or one faction, or some powerful interest from getting a hundred percent of its way. So when either side makes blanket promises to their base that it can't possibly meet... tax cuts without cuts to services... 'everything will be fine... but we won't spend any money'... war without shared sacrifice... 'we're going to be tough, but don't worry, it will be fine', union bashing or corporate bashing without acknowledging that both workers and businesses make our economy run... that kind of politics means that the supporters will be perennially disappointed. It only adds to folks' sense that the system is rigged. It's one of the reasons why we see these big electoral swings every few years. It's why people are so cynical. Now, I don't pretend to have all the answers to this. These trends will not change overnight. If I did, I would have already done them through an Executive action. That was just a joke, guys. Relax. A sense of humor's also helpful. But I do want to offer some steps that we can take that I believe would help reform our institutions and move our system in a way that helps reflect our better selves. And these aren't particularly original, but I just want to go ahead and mention them. First is to take, or at least reduce, some of the corrosive influence of money in our politics. Now, thi... this year, just over 150 families... 150 families have spent as much

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on the Presidential race as the rest of America combined. Today, a couple of billionaires in one state can push their agenda, dump dark money into every state, nobody knows where it's coming from, mostly used on these dark ads, everybody is kind of dark and the worst picture possible. And there's some ominous voice talking about how, you know, they're destroying the country. And they spend this money based on some ideological preference that really is disconnected to the realities of how people live. They're not that concerned about the particulars of what's happening in a union hall in Galesburg, and what folks are going through trying to find a job. They're not particularly familiar with the... what's happening at a VFW post. Somebody's phone's on. In Carbondale. They haven't heard personally from farmers outside of the Quads and what they're going through. Those are the voices that should be outweighing a handful of folks with a lot of money. I'm not saying the folks with a lot of money should have no voice; I'm saying they shouldn't be able to drown out everybody else's. And that's why I disagree with the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. I don't believe... I don't believe that money is speech, or that political spending should have no limits, or that it shouldn't be disclosed. I still support a Constitutional Amendment to set reasonable limits on financial influence in America's elections. But amending the Constitution is an extremely challenging and time-consuming process, as it should be. So we're going to have to come up with more immediate ways to reduce the influence of money in politics. There are a lot of good proposals out there, and we have to work to find ones that

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can gain some bipartisan support, because a handful of families and hidden interests shouldn't be able to bankroll elections in the greatest democracy on Earth. Second step towards a better politics is rethinking the way that we draw our Congressional districts. Now, let me point this out. I want to point this out 'cause there's another case of cherry-picking here. This tends to be popular in states where Democrats have been drawing the lines among Republicans and less popular among Republicans where they control drawing the lines. So nobody's... let's... let's be very... let's be very clear here. Nobody's got clean hands on this thing; nobody's got clean hands on this thing. The fact is, today technology allows Parties in power to precision-draw constituencies so that the opposition's supporters are packed into as few districts as possible. That's why our districts are shaped like earmuffs or spaghetti. It's also how one Party can get more seats even when it gets fewer votes. And while this gerrymandering may insulate some incumbents from a serious challenge from the other Party, it also means that the main thing those incumbents are worried about are challengers from the most extreme voices in their own Party. That's what's happened in Congress. You wonder why Congress doesn't work? The House of Representatives there... there may be a handful, less than 10 percent, of districts that are even competitive at this point. So if you're a Republican, all you're worried about is what somebody to your right is saying about you, because you know you're not going to lose a General Election. Same is true for a lot of Democrats. So our debates move away from the middle, where most Americans are, towards the far

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ends of the spectrum, and that polarizes us further. Now, this is something we have the power to fix. And once the next census rolls around and we have the most up-to-date picture of America's population, we should change the way our districts are drawn. In America, politicians should not pick their voters; voters should pick their politicians. And this needs to be done across the nation, not just in a select few states. It should be done everywhere. Now, the more Americans use their voice and participate, the less captive our politics will be to narrow constituencies, no matter how much undisclosed money is spent, no matter how many negative ads are run, no matter how unrepresentative a district is drawn. If everybody voted, if a far larger number of people voted, that would overcome in many ways some of these other institutional barriers. It'd make our politics better. And that's why a third step towards a better politics is making voting easier, not harder, and modernizing it for the way that we live now. Now, this shouldn't be controversial, guys. You liked the redistricting thing, but not letting people vote. I should get some applause on that too. Listen, three years ago, I set up a bipartisan commission to improve the voting experience in America. It had the election lawyers from my campaign and from Mitt Romney's campaign. They got together outside of the context of immediate politics. And I actually want to thank this Assembly for moving to adopt some of its recommendations. Thanks to the good work of my dear friend, Senator Don Harmon, and many of you, there's a new law going into effect this year that will allow Illinoisans to register and vote at the polls on Election Day. And it

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expands early voting, something that makes it a lot easier for working folks and busy parents to go vote. Think about it. If you're a single mom, and you've got to take public transportation to punch a clock, work round the clock, get home, cook dinner on a Tuesday in bad weather, that's tough. Why would we want to make it so that she couldn't do it on a Saturday or a Sunday? How is that... how is that advancing our democracy? So this law will make a difference. I'm proud of my home state for helping to lead the way. And we know this works. In 2012 and 2014, the states with the highest voter turnout all had same-day registration. So today, I ask every state in America to join us, reduce these barriers to voting. Make it easier for your constituents to get out and vote. And I'd encourage this Assembly to take the next step. Senator Manar and Representative Gabel have Bills that would automatically register every eligible citizen to vote when they apply for a driver's license. That would protect the fundamental right of everybody: Democrats, Republicans, Independents, seniors, folks with disabilities, the men and women of our military, it'd make sure that it was easier for them to vote and to have their vote counted. And as one of your constituents, I think you should pass that legislation right away. I think the Governor should sign it without delay. Let's make the Land of Lincoln a leader in voter participation. That's something we should be proud to do. Let's set the pace, encourage other states across the country to follow our lead, making automatic voter registration the new norm across America. Now, just during the course of this talk, it's been interesting to watch the dynamics, obviously.

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In part because so... so much of our politics now is just designed for short-term, tactical gain, yeah. If you think that adding more voters will hurt you on Election Day, then suddenly you're not interested in participation. And if you think that the gerrymandering is helping you instead of hurting you, then you're not for those proposals. We get trapped in these things. We know better. If we were setting up a set of rules ahead of time, and you didn't know where you stood, which Party, you know, you're going to be in, you didn't have all the data and the poll numbers to tell you what's going to give you an edge or not, you'd set up a system that was fair. You'd encourage everybody to be part of it. That's what we learned in our civics books. That's how it should work. The fact that we can't do that, that brings me to my last point, which is, even as we change the way the system works, we also have a responsibility to change... to change the way that we, as elected officials and as citizens, work together. Because this democracy only works when we get both right, when the system's fair, but also when we build a culture that is trying to make it work. Recently, I've been thinking a lot about something a friend of mine, Deval Patrick, once said to his constituents when he was Governor of Massachusetts. He said, 'Insist from us and from each other a modicum of civility as the condition for serving you.' This is what he told voters. 'Insist on us having a modicum of civility.' I think that's something that all of us, as Americans, have to insist from each other. Our children are watching what we do. They don't just learn it in school, they learn it by watching us, the way we conduct ourselves, the

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way we treat each other. If we lie about each other, they learn it's okay to lie. If we make up facts and ignore science, then they don't... they just think it's just their... their opinion that matters. If they see us insulting each other like school kids, then they think, well, I guess that's how people are supposed to behave. The way we respect, or don't, each other as citizens will determine whether or not the hard, frustrating, but absolutely necessary work of self-government continues. I've got daughters that are getting older now, and one of the most important things about being a parent I think is them just seeing what you do, not when you're out in public, not when you're dealing with somebody important, but just how do you do, how do you treat people generally. And it makes me much more mindful. I want to live up to their expectations. And in that same way, I want this democracy to live up to the people's expectations. We can't move forward if all we do is tear each other down. And the political incentives, as they are today, too often reward that kind of behavior. That's what gets attention. So it will require some courage just to act the way our parents taught us to act. It shouldn't, but in this political environment apparently it does. We've got to insist to do better from each other, for each other. Rather than reward those who would disenfranchise any segment of America, we've got to insist that everybody arm themselves with information, and facts, and that they vote. If 99 percent of us voted, it wouldn't matter how much the 1 percent spends on our elections. Rather than... rather than reward the most extreme voices, or the most divisive language, or who is best at launching schoolyard

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taunts, we should insist on a higher form of political discourse in our common life, one based on empathy and respect, which does not mean you abandon principle. It doesn't mean you're not tough. Rather than paint those who disagree with us as motivated by malice, to suggest that any of us lack patriotism, we can insist, as Lincoln did, that we are not enemies, but friends; that our fellow Americans are not only entitled to a different point of view, but that they love this country as much as we do. Rather than reward a 24/7 media that so often thrives on sensationalism and conflict, we have to stand up and insist, no, reason matters, facts matter; issues are complicated. When folks just make stuff up, they can't go unchallenged. And that's true for Democrats if you hear a Democrat make something up, and that's true for a Republican if you see a Republican cross that line. Rather than accept the notion that compromise is a sellout to one side, we've got to insist on the opposite that it can be a genuine victory that means progress for all sides. And rather than preventing our kids from dating people in other Parties, well, I may have issues about dating, generally, but we can trust that we've raised our kids to do the right thing and to look at the qualities of people's character, not some label attached to them. And maybe, most of all, whenever someone begins to grow cynical about our politics, or believes that their actions can't make a difference or it's not worth participating in, we've got to insist, even against all evidence to the contrary, that in fact they can make a difference. And in this job of being a citizen of the United States of America, that's a big deal. It's something we should

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revere and take seriously. Abraham Lincoln wasn't always the giant that we think of today. He lacked formal schooling. His businesses and his law practices often struggled. After just one term in Congress, his opposition to the Mexican-American War damaged his reputation so badly he did not run for reelection. He was denounced as a traitor, a demagogue, an enemy sympathizer. He returned to his law practice and admitted he was losing interest in politics entirely. And then something happened that shook his conscience. Congress effectively overturned the Missouri Compromise, that flawed and fragile law that had prohibited slavery in the North and legalized it in the South, but left the question ultimately unsettled. And stunned by this news, Lincoln said he'd been roused 'as he had never been before' over what it meant for America's future. And so, here in Springfield, at the State Fair, he got back in the game and he delivered the first of his great anti-slavery speeches to a crowd of thousands. And over the next six years, even as he lost two more political races, his arguments with Douglas and others shaped the national debate. That's when he uttered those brilliant words on the steps of the Old State Capitol that 'A house divided against itself cannot stand;' that 'this government cannot endure, permanently, half slave and half free.' He became the first Republican President, and I believe our greatest President. And through his will and his words and, most of all, his character, he held a nation together and he helped free a people. And those victories did not solve all of our problems. He would be attacked at times for the compromises he was prepared to make by abolitionists and folks from his

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own side. It would be 100 years more until the law guaranteed African Americans the equal rights that they had been promised. Even 50 years after that, our march is not yet finished. But because Lincoln made that decision not to give up, and not to let other voices speak for him, and because he held in his mind the strength of principle but the vision, the ability to understand those who disagreed with him, and showed them respect even as he fought them, because of what he set in motion, generations of free men and women of all races and walks of life have had the chance to choose this country's course. What a great gift. What a great legacy he has bestowed us. And that's the thing about America. We are a constant work of progress. And our success has never been certain, none of our journey has been preordained. And there's always been a gap between our highest ideals and the reality that we witness every single day. But what makes us exceptional, what makes us Americans is that we have fought wars, and passed laws, and reformed systems, and organized unions, and staged protests, and launched mighty movements to close that gap, to bring the promise and the practice of America into closer alignment. We've made the effort to form that 'more perfect union.' Nine years to the day that I first announced for this office, I still believe in that politics of hope. And for all the challenges of a rapidly changing world, and for all the imperfections of our democracy, the capacity to reach across our differences and choose that kind of politics, not a cynical politics, not a politics of fear, but that kind of politics sustained over the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime, that's something that

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remains entirely up to us. Thank you, Illinois. God bless you. God bless America. It's good to see all of you. I miss you guys. Thank you. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "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 signify by saying 'aye; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Joint Session will now arise. The regular Session will come to order. Representative Currie for the purpose of a Motion to adjourn."

Currie: "I move the House adjourn until the hour of..."

Speaker Madigan: "Ten o'clock."

Currie: "...10 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, February 11."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Motion. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m. Thank you, everybody."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5021, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5022, offered by Representative Wheeler, Barbara, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 5023, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5024, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5025, offered by

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House Bill 5146, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5147, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5148, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5149, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5150, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5151, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5152, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5153, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5154, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5155, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5156, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5157, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5158, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5159, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5160, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5161, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5162, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5163, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5164, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue.

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5175, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5176, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5177, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5178, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5179, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5180, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5181, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5182, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5183, offered by Representative Madigan,

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a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5184, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5185, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5186, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5187, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5188, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5189, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5190, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5191, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5192, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5193, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5194, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5195, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5196, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5197, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5198, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5199, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5200, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House

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concerning regulation. House Bill 5271, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5272, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5273, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5274, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5275, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5276, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5277, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5278, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5279, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5280, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5281, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5282, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5283, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5284, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5285, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5286, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5287, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill

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regulation. House Bill 5323, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5324, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5325, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5326, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5327, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5328, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 5329, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 5330, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 5331, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 5332, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 5333, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5334, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5335, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5336, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5337, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5338, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5339, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5340, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5341, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill

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for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5342, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5343, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning warehouses. House Bill 5344, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning warehouses. House Bill 5345, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5346, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5347, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5348, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5349, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5350, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 5351, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 5352, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning urban problems. House Bill 5353, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 5354, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 5355, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 5356, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 5357, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning military service. House Bill 5358, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning military service. House Bill 5359, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning health.

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by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5380, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5381, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 5382, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 5383, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 5384, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5385, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. House Bill 5386, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 5387, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 5388, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. House Bill 5389, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 5390, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 5391, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5392, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5393, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5394, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5395, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5396, offered by Representative

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concerning criminal law. House Bill 5432, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5433, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5434, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5435, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5436, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5437, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5438, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5439, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5440, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5441, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5442, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5443, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5444, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5445, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5446, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5447, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5448, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5449,

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offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5450, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5451, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5452, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5453, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5454, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5455, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5456, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law (sic-civil law). House Bill 5457, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law... civil law. House Bill 5458, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5459, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5460, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5461, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5462, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5463, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5464, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5465, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5466, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil

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law. House Bill 5467, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5468, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5469, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5470, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5471, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5472, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5473, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5474, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5475, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5476, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5477, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5478, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5479, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5480, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5481, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5482, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5483, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5484, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5485, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5486, offered

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concerning employment. House Bill 5504, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5505, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5506, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5507, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5508, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5509, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5510, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5511, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5512, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5513, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5514, offered by Representative Burke, Daniel, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5515, offered by Representative Meier, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5516, offered by Representative Meier, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5517, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5518, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5519, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5520, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning land. House Bill 5521, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5601, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5602, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5603, offered by Representative Harris, Greg, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5604, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5605, offered by Representative Cloonen, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5606, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5607, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 5608, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5609, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5610, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act

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Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5718, offered by Representative Andrade, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5719, offered by Representative Andrade, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5720, offered by Representative Andrade, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5721, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5722, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5723, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5724, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 5725, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5726, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 5727, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5728, offered by Representative Burke, Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning domestic violence. House Bill 5729, offered by Representative Burke, Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5730, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5731, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5732, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5733, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5734, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5735, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for

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an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5736, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5737, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5738, offered by Representative Cabello, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5739, offered by Representative Cabello, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5740, offered by Representative Cabello, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5741, offered by Representative Cabello, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5742, offered by Representative Jesiel, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5743, offered by Representative Jesiel, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5744, offered by Representative Jesiel, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5745, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5746, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5747, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5748, offered by Representative Bennett, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5749, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Hollman: "First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #49, offered by Representative Sandack.

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 3 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

(a) Legislative Districts shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population. Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population.

(b) By April 15 of the year following each Federal decennial census year, the State Board of Elections, by a record vote of a majority of the total number of members authorized by law as provided in Section 5 of Article III, shall designate a computer program for redistricting the Legislative Districts and Representative Districts that meets the requirements of this Section. The designation shall include detailed specifications of the computer program. Any computer program designated by the State Board of Elections under this Section shall embody the following standards and criteria, as defined by Common Law, in this order of priority:

- (1) contiguity;
- (2) substantial equality of population;
- (3) compactness;

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(4) minimization of the number of districts that cross county or municipal boundaries; and

(5) a fair reflection of minority voting strength. Any computer program designated by the State Board of Elections under this Section shall not consider the following data:

(1) residency of incumbent legislators;

(2) political affiliations of registered voters;

(3) previous election results; and

(4) demographic information not required to be used by this Section or by the United States Constitution or federal law. Except as specified in this Section, the computer program shall produce districts in a random manner.

(c) In the year following each Federal decennial census year, the State Board of Elections shall redistrict the Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts using the computer program designated under subsection (b). The Board shall file such computer generated plan with the Secretary of State no later than June 1 of the year following the Federal decennial census year.

(d) The State Board of Elections shall designate a computer program under subsection (b) and shall approve a plan under subsection (c) at public meetings. The Board shall give reasonable and adequate advance notice of those meetings.

(e) An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State.

(f) The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House

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and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People of the State by the Attorney General.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect beginning with redistricting in 2021 and applies to the election of members of the General Assembly in 2022 and thereafter. This was First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #49. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #50, offered by Representative Sandack.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 6 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

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SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

(a) A majority of the members elected to each house constitutes a quorum.

(b) On the first day of the January session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall convene the House of Representatives to elect from its membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from its membership a President of the Senate as presiding officer.

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(c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member of the numerically strongest political party other than the party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the case may be.

(d) Each house shall determine the rules of its proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to that house. Each house may punish by imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or contemptuous behavior.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #50. First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #51, offered by Representative Sandack.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend the Illinois Constitution by adding Section 2.5 to Article IV as follows:

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SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

No person may hold the office of State Senator or State Representative, or a combination of those offices, for more than 10 consecutive years.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #51."

Clerk Bolin: "First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #52, offered by Representative Bennett.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend the Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 5 and 6 of Article IV, and Sections 2 and 3 of Article VIII as follows:

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SECTION 5. SESSIONS

(a) The General Assembly shall convene each year on the second Wednesday of January. The General Assembly shall be a continuous body during the term for which members of the House of Representatives are elected.

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(b) The Governor may convene the General Assembly or the Senate alone in special session by a proclamation stating the purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by law or as provided in subsection (b-5) of Section 6 of this Article.

(c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and committee meetings of a house may be closed to the public if two-thirds of the members elected to that house determine that the public interest so requires; and meetings of joint committees and legislative commissions may be so closed if two-thirds of the members elected to each house so determine.

SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

(a) A majority of the members elected to each house constitutes a quorum.

(b) On the first day of the January session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall convene the House of Representatives to elect from its membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from its membership a President of the Senate as presiding officer.

(b-5) Within 5 days after the vacancy of the offices of Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the

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Senate under subsection (a-5) of Section 2 of Article VIII, the Secretary of State shall convene the House of Representatives to elect from its membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from its membership a President of the Senate as presiding officer. Only members who have not previously served as the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate shall be eligible for election.

(c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member of the numerically strongest political party other than the party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the case may be.

(d) Each house shall determine the rules of its proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to that house. A member may be expelled only once for the same offense. Each house may punish by imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or contemptuous behavior.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE

SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

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(a) The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the estimated balance of funds available for appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of every department, authority, public corporation and quasi-public corporation of the State, every State college and university, and every other public agency created by the State, but not of units of local government or school districts. The budget shall also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of the State and such other information as may be required by law. Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget.

(a-5) If a balanced budget has not been passed by June 30th of each year, the offices of Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate become vacant, as provided in subsection (c) of Section 3 of this Article, and shall continue to become vacant every 90 days after the vacancies are filled until the General Assembly passes a balanced budget. Elections to fill the vacancies shall be held as provided in subsection (b-5) of Section 6 of Article IV.

(b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State. Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year.

SECTION 3. STATE AUDIT AND AUDITOR GENERAL

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(a) The General Assembly shall provide by law for the audit of the obligation, receipt and use of public funds of the State. The General Assembly, by a vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house, shall appoint an Auditor General and may remove him for cause by a similar vote. The Auditor General shall serve for a term of ten years. His compensation shall be established by law and shall not be diminished, but may be increased, to take effect during his term.

(b) The Auditor General shall conduct the audit of public funds of the State. He shall make additional reports and investigations as directed by the General Assembly. He shall report his findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and to the Governor.

(c) Within 30 days of the enactment of the law or laws comprising the State budget for a fiscal year, the Office of the Auditor General must certify whether the enacted budget will be balanced with expenses not exceeding funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 2 of this Article. If the Office of the Auditor General certifies that the budget is not balanced, then the offices of Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate shall become vacant upon filing notice of such certification with the Secretary of State.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been the First Reading

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in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #52. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."