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Secretary White: "Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention, please? Will you please be in your seats? Will the Members please be in their seats? Members and guests, please take your seats. Representative Dunkin, we would hope that you will find a place to sit, Sir. Members and your guests, please be seated. We are about two minutes away from beginning these wonderful ceremonies and we'd hope that you will be in your seats. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an important day for all of us, and we want to begin but we want to do it in an orderly fashion, so we will ask that you please take your seats. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, I think we are ready to take care of some serious business today. As I indicated a moment ago, this is an important day for all of us and we would hope that you will be in your seats because we're ready to begin the ceremony and we want to do it in an orderly fashion."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "All assembled in these chambers, give attention. The Secretary of State, the Honorable Jesse White, sends greetings and proclaims: That this day, the second Wednesday of January 2003, is the day fixed for convening the House of Representatives of the 93rd General Assembly of the State of Illinois pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution. All persons, except Members and their families, are requested to withdraw from the chambers and the Provisional Doorkeeper is directed to clear the aisles."

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Provisional Doorkeeper Crawford: "Will all those not entitled to the floor please retire from the chamber. Will all Representatives-elect please be assembled in the chamber."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "May I have your attention, please? At the Speaker's rostrum and ready to convene the House of Representatives of the 93rd General Assembly, in and for the Great State of Illinois, is the Secretary of State, the Honorable Jesse White."

Secretary White: "Thank you. I had the great pleasure of serving in this Body for 16 years so I'm glad to be back home. The House of Representatives of the 93rd General Assembly of the State of Illinois will come to order. Welcome, everyone, to these wonderful chambers. Quoting from the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, Article IV, Section 6(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.' We shall be led in prayer by the Reverend Rubin Cruz of the First Spanish Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois. Will the Members and the guests please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance."

Reverend Cruz: "Let us pray. Our heavenly Father, creator and sustainer of all things, we acknowledge You as the ultimate source of our lives and of all the good that we know. After the long and painful struggles of our ancestors for survival through the age, we are here. We sometimes wonder

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why we are here and what shall be the outcome and contribution of our poor lives. So, we look to You, our creator and our Father, to speak to the questions for which we shall never know the complete answers. We ask You only to reply in faith strength, hope renewed, and love deepened. With the passing of the years, we know that what we are outwardly is perishing. Give us, we pray, the continual renewal of what we are or can be inwardly. Grant that the ministry of new friends, new ideas, new challenges, and new experiences may all contribute to this inner renewal so that each day's living will be a testimony to the truth that all things have passed away and a new has come. Eternal Father, I'm also grateful to be here today to witness the swearing in ceremony of Maria Antonia Berrios. It was 20 years ago that at this same place we asked for the blessing of her father's inaugural. Since then, the numbers of those that represent our Hispanic community have increased. Bless all the Representative we have elected, the Leadership, Speaker Madigan. Grant that through the discussion and decisions we may solve our problems effectively and house the well-being of our State of Illinois and achieve together a fairer, a more united society. Todo este nosotros lo preguntamos en el nombre de su amado hijo y nuestro redemptor y savoir cristojesus (translation-all this we ask it in the name of its beloved son and our redemptor and savior cristojesu). Amen."

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Secretary White: "Thank you very much, Reverend Cruz. And will the Dean of the House, Representative Capparelli, lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Capparelli - 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."

Secretary White: "You may be seated. I hope I was proper... I hope I was proper in that statement, all who can find a seat may be seated. For the duration of this organizational proceedings, I have appointed the following provisional officers: as Provisional Clerk, Mr. Tony Rossi; as Provisional Doorkeeper, Mr. Lee Crawford; and as Provisional Parliamentarian, Mr. Robert Uhe. Also, we have joining with us many distinguished people of the State of Illinois: Lieutenant Governor Corrine Wood, Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn (sic-Lieutenant Governor-elect Pat Quinn), Attorney General-elect Lisa Madigan, Comptroller Dan Hynes, Treasurer Judy Barr Topinka, State Board of Education Superintendent Robert Schiller. The Provisional Clerk will call the roll of Members elected to the 93rd General Assembly. The roll will be called in alphabetical order as certified by the Board of Elections. We will now proceed with the Attendance Roll Call. If the Members will please answer present. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Edward Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Frank Aguilar."

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Aguilar: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Patricia Bailey."  
Bailey: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Suzie Bassi."  
Bassi: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Mark Beaubien."  
Beaubien: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Patty Bellock."  
Bellock: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Tony Berrios."  
Berrios: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Bob Biggins."  
Biggins: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Bill Black."  
Black: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Mike Boland."  
Boland: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Mike Bost."  
Bost: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Richard Bradley."  
Bradley: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Dan Brady."  
Brady: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Rich Brauer."  
Brauer: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "James Brosnahan."  
Brosnahan: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Joel Brunsvold."

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Brunsvold: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Dan Burke."

Burke: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Ralph Capparelli."

Capparelli: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Linda Chapa La Via."

Chapa La Via: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Robert Churchill."

Churchill: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Annazette Collins."

Collins: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Marlow Colvin."

Colvin: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Elizabeth Coulson."

Coulson: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Tom Cross."

Cross: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Shane Cultra."

Cultra: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Julie Curry."

Curry: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Lee Daniels."

Daniels: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Steve Davis."

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Davis, S.: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "William Delgado."

Delgado: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Ken Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Joe Dunn."

Dunn: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Roger Eddy."

Eddy: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Sara Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Mary Flowers."

Flowers: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Gary Forby."

Forby: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Jack Franks."

Franks: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "John Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Calvin Giles."

Giles: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Deborah Graham."

Graham: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Kurt Granberg."

Granberg: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Julie Hamos."

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Hamos: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Gary Hannig."

Hannig: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Chuck Hartke."

Hartke: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Brent Hassert."

Hassert: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Jay Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Tom Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Connie Howard."

Howard: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Randy Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Naomi Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Chuck Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Lou Jones."

Jones: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Kevin Joyce."

Joyce: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Robin Kelly."

Kelly: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Renee Kosel."

Kosel: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Carolyn Krause."



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Krause: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Rosemary Kurtz."

Kurtz: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Lou Lang."

Lang: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "David Leitch."

Leitch: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Patricia Reid Lindner."

Lindner: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Eileen Lyons."

Lyons, E.: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Joseph Lyons."

Lyons, J: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Michael J. Madigan."

Madigan: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Sidney Mathias."

Mathias: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Frank Mautino."

Mautino: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Karen May."

May: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Michael McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Kevin McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Jack McGuire."

McGuire: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Larry McKeon."

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McKeon: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Susana Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Jim Meyer."

Meyer: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "David Miller."

Miller: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "John Millner."

Millner: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Right here."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Don Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Robert Molaro."

Molaro: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Charles Morrow."

Morrow: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Rosemary Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Ruth Munson."

Munson: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Rich Myers."

Myers: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Elaine Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Phil Novak."

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Novak: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Mary K. O'Brien."  
O'Brien: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "JoAnn Osmond."  
Osmond: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Harry Osterman."  
Osterman: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Carole Pankau."  
Pankau: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Terry Parke."  
Parke: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Brandon Phelps."  
Phelps: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Sandra Pihos."  
Pihos: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Raymond Poe."  
Poe: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Dan Reitz."  
Reitz: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Bob Rita."  
Rita: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Chapin Rose."  
Rose: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Kathleen Ryg."  
Ryg: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Jim Sacia."  
Sacia: "Present."  
Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Skip Saviano."

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Saviano: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Tim Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "George Scully."

Scully: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Ricca Slone."

Slone: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Michael Smith."

Smith: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Keith Sommer."

Sommer: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Cynthia Soto."

Soto: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Ron Stephens."

Stephens: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Ed Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Art Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Art Turner."

Turner: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Ron Wait."

Wait: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Eddie Washington."

Washington: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Jim Watson."

Watson: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Dave Winters."

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Winters: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "David Wirsing."

Wirsing: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Kay Wojcik."

Wojcik: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Karen Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Present."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Wyvetter Younge."

Younge: "Present."

Secretary White: "118 Representatives-elect having answered the roll and being in attendance, a quorum is present and the House of Representatives of the 93rd General Assembly is officially convened. The Provisional Clerk will enter the attendance and the roll in the Journal. I now have the honor of presenting former Member of this chamber, the Honorable Alan J. Greiman, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, who'll administer the constitutional oath of office, following which each Member will execute the written oath on their desk to be filed in my office. Justice Greiman."

Justice Greiman: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Will the Members stand at their desks at this time. Raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, and state your name, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Representative in the General Assembly according to the best of my ability. Thank you. Congratulations to you."

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Secretary White: "Congratulations to everyone. May I have your attention, please. May I have your attention, please. Ladies and Gentlemen, will all of the Members in the House please execute the written oath and submit them to the Provisional Clerk. Members shall execute their signature on all four copies and pass the oaths toward the center of the aisle. There will be a person at the center aisle that will collect them so that you don't have to come to the well. The House will be at ease for a few minutes while you carry out your oath. All persons, except Members and authorized staff, are asked to withdraw from the chambers. I'll repeat that again. All persons, except Members and authorized staff, are asked to withdraw from the chambers. Thank you for your cooperation. I might mention, there is a closed circuit television in Rooms 114, 115 and 118 on the first floor. You may view the following proceedings in Rooms 114, 115, and 118. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to repeat that statement one more time. Will all unauthorized persons remove themselves from the chamber and go to Rooms 114, 115, and 118 and you can continue to view the proceedings. Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention, please. Will all unauthorized persons please go to Rooms 114, 115, and 118. Will all unauthorized persons go to Rooms 114, 115 and 118. Ladies and Gentlemen, in two minutes we will begin our proceedings. In two minutes we will begin our proceedings. Will all unauthorized persons go to Rooms 114, 115 and 118. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you are an honored guest and you have a seat, you may remain,

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but if you don't have a seat, then we will ask you to go to Rooms 114, 115 and 118. If you have a seat, please take it because we are about to begin our proceedings. Representatives, please help us to gain some order in this House. If you have a guest or an authorized person, ask them to be seated so we can begin our proceedings. Representative Dunkin, are you in your seat, Sir? Representative Hartke, are you in your seat, Sir? Are you seated, Sir? Representative Forby. Representative Jack Franks, will you please take your seat, Sir, you and Representative Fritchey. Representative Scully, will you please take your seat, Sir. And my cousin, Representative Black, will you please take your seat. My cousin, Representative Black, please take your seat. Representative Wirsing, are you okay, Sir? Thank you. Representative Wojcik, will you please gain some order over there? Representative Parke, we need you in your seat, Sir. I think we are ready to begin. May we please have some order in the House. Former Representative Stroger, Alderman Stroger, we need some order in the House, Sir. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have to begin. Under Article IV, Section 6(b), of the Constitution, the first day... are we okay there? Thank you. Under Article IV, Section 6(b), of the Constitution, the first Order of Business of this House is to the election from its Members a Speaker as presiding officer. The House is now governed by the Rules of the 92nd General Assembly, which are made applicable to these proceedings by Section 3 of the General

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Assembly Operations Act. These Rules provide that the person receiving a majority of the votes of the Members elected shall be declared elected Speaker. Therefore, sixty votes in favor of a nominee shall be required to be elected Speaker. Debate shall not be in order following nominations and proceedings or during the vote. Nominations are now in order for the Office of Speaker. The Gentleman... Representative... Gentleman from Cook, Representative Arthur Turner, is recognized to offer a nomination."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary and Members of the 93rd General Assembly. It was approximately 23 years ago today that I, like many of you freshmen, stood in this chamber in awe wondering what was I about to get into. What I do remember over that 23-year period is that we never had weather like we had today. This is the first swearing in that we've got the weather... and it must be something about the gods looking down on Illinois today because it truly is a great day in Illinois for Democrats. A lot of things have changed during that period of time. When I came here, my license number and my number was 177, now I have the number 7 in terms of seniority, long time. As they say, I've come a long way. It has been a learning experience and to the new Members, let me say again, that every time we're sworn in it is new experience. I am just as excited today as I was 23 years ago. Twenty-three years ago, these two guys weren't sitting next to me and here they are today both in college, have learned and grew up in this



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experience. And just as they have learned, so have I and I learned from one of the best. That Gentleman, whose name I'm about to place in nomination, has truly made this experience one that I will never forget. There are those who refer to him as 'the man with the golden hammer' or the 'consummate politician'. The press would lead you to believe that he can clone politicians, they would even lead you to believe that he walks on water, that he cures the common cold, that he has a remedy for arthritis and I'm certain now that they anticipate that the \$2.5 billion hole that we're about to face this Session, he has the answer for. But I know the other side of this man. One, he's a very dedicated professional politician, he's not just a politician, he enjoys this business. You will often... as politicians, we often stand up and say that we represent our constituency and we represent the interests of that constituency. Although, he, I'm certain, takes care of his constituents, I've often and many times hear him referred to the eleven-and-a-half million people that we represent in this State of Illinois and we realize and he often reminds us, that it is our obligation to those eleven-and-a-half million people to provide the services that we can here in this state and to make Illinois a better place for 'em. This Gentleman, as I say, is the hardest working politician that we will... you will ever meet here in the Assembly, not much on words, and the mark of a good leader is that he's a great listener. And there's been times when I've went into his office to talk to him and I think I'm

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the only guy that's talking because he truly listens, but he can tell you a week later, he can tell you six months later what the conversation was, what his commitment was, and what your commitment was. And I think that it's just to be said that Illinois is a much better place today and certainly, I know I feel that I'm much better about it and very proud that with all that we're facing in the world and in the nation today in terms of deficits and... just, ya know, just crazy times if I may refer to it on the national level. We need some stability here in Illinois and I think that Mike Madigan has proven himself over the 27 years that he has been here in this Assembly that he is an able and very capable leader. He's not afraid to share with the Members their concerns and teach this business to us, because it truly is a business. It's more than just shaking hands and smiling in front of cameras. We have an ultimate responsibility and I think that there's none better than the Gentleman from the Cook, Michael J. Madigan, to lead us in that position. And I place into the nomination, Michael J. Madigan, for the Speaker of the Illinois House."

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Turner, places the nomination of the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan, for Speaker of the House. Is there a second to this nomination? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Capparelli."

Capparelli: "Mr. Secretary, it is a great pride and honor that I rise and second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for

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Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. Mike is beginning his 33rd year as a Member of the House, he's just a little ahead of you Art, a few... by what 10 years more than you have, but Mike is in his 33rd year as a Member of the House. He and I were elected in 1970 and I have watched him grow as a Legislator and as a leader, in which he's done a great job in both areas. He has served as Speaker of the House of Representative for 18 out of the last 20 years, longer than any other person in the state's history. No one else... here else has served more than eight years. But Mike's legacy is more than longevity, it's a record of leadership, accomplishment, a record of fairness, respect for every Member of this House. Mike has put partisanship aside, has appointed Republicans as chairmen of different committees. As we all know, he's a great... he has great political skills and his work ethic is unmatched. Often first to arrive and the last to leave, he labors in setting agendas, planning strategies, preparing legislation, and most importantly, building a consensus that is necessary in order to pass major legislation and also he's not bad... doesn't do too bad at drawing maps. This last map was a great map you drew, Mike, congratulations. As a Leader of the House, Mike Madigan, has worked long and hard to ensure Legislative Branch is co-equal branch of State Government and he has helped Members in all sections of the state providing the needed services to their constituents. Our state faces a great challenge and our abilities will be tested for the next

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year. We could not have a better Speaker to lead us than Mike Madigan. Mike, I wanna wish you and your lovely wife, Shirley, and your children, Lisa, Tiffany, Nicole, and Andrew, the best in the coming year. And I rise to second the nomination of my good friend and my colleague, Mike Madigan."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Secretary White and to the Members of this... of this Assembly... the Members of the 93rd General Assembly, I offer my sincere congratulations. The job we've been elected to undertake is challenging, it's rewarding, in fact, it's one of the best jobs going. In our system of governance, the Legislature is indeed an equal branch, equal with the executive and the judiciary. And I hope that each and every one of us will make sure that this institution remains a full partner in our governmental enterprise. I'm proud today to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House. Mike has a record of absolute commitment to this institution and to its legitimate prerogatives. He's been Speaker long enough for us to know that he takes the job seriously, with total focus, 12-, no 14-, and 15-hour days. Mike knows the issues, he shapes the agenda, he's brought order to this chamber, he's established procedures that are fair and open. Mike recognizes that our form of government with its carefully crafted checks and balances does not lend itself to cataclysmic change. Success depends on building

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consensus, requires the forging of compromise. Happily for us, Mike is a specialist in consensus and he understands the art of compromise. Mike appreciates the challenges we face as a government and as a people. He understands the divisiveness that plagues us, the diversity that pits rich against poor, upstate against down, city against suburb. He understands that our diversity, which is our greatest strength, is also our greatest challenge. He helps us reach across the lines that separate one from another, he helps us build from the values we share. Mike knows the people of this state from Galena to Cairo, he knows our districts often better than we know them ourselves, and he knows how to work with us, work with each and every one of us, yes, Republicans as well as Democrats. Mike is a man of great integrity, he's an honest, a decent man, devoted to his family. I am privileged to second the nomination of a man who has been and will again be a Speaker for all Illinois, Michael J. Madigan."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Montgomery, Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Secretary and Members of the House. I, too, rise to second the nomination of Michael Madigan as our next Speaker of the House. In his classic novel, A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens writes, 'that it was the best of times and the worst of times'. Today, over a century later, we could say the same thing. It is in many ways the worst of times, our country stands at the brink of war in Iraq, tensions between the United States

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and North Korea continued to grow, Homeland Security has become a major government initiative, suicide bombers threaten us here in our own country, our economy which was slowed even before 9-11 has fallen into recession, and our state budget is billions of dollars in debt. But it is also the best of times, technology is everywhere and making our life easier, safer and more productive. It is the best of times because our democracy has once again triumphed. Next week we will swear in a new Governor, a new Lieutenant Governor, and a new Attorney General, along with the recently re-elected Treasurer, Secretary of State, and Comptroller. We have reason to celebrate. The citizens of our district have given us the awesome job of governing one of the best and biggest states in our country. Even as we come to Springfield today to celebrate, we begin the process of governing by selecting someone to lead us as our Speaker and I am proud to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan. Michael Madigan has the experience, the leadership skills and integrity to be our House Leader. Michael Madigan has taken the lead in many areas. He has brought technology to our House chamber. Today House action is live on the Internet, citizens have access to Bills, Bill analysis, and Bill status through the Internet. Computers are here on our desk. Bill, Bill analysis, and Amendments are posted electronically, we no longer waste reams of paper. Michael Madigan has shown that he can work with each of us. In the last few years, Michael Madigan asked... has asked Republicans to cochair select committees

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in the House. He gave the Republicans a chairmanship and a Majority on one important House Committee, and under Michael Madigan's leadership, Republicans have sponsored nearly half the Bills that have passed this House over the last few years. Michael Madigan also understands that we are a geographically and politically diverse group. And he understands that we have some things in common, primarily that we all want to make Illinois, and in particular our little part of Illinois, a better place to live. And my experience has been that if you work with Michael Madigan, he will work with you. Over the years, Michael Madigan has traveled to all parts of our state, he has seen the problems we face firsthand. He is a man of action, he is a man of his word. He is a man of strong leadership and we need his strong leadership again today. There is no better way to start our new Session than by electing Michael J. Madigan as our Speaker and I proudly rise to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives."

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Turner, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Capparelli, the Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, and the Gentleman from Montgomery, Representative Hannig, second the nomination of Representative Michael J. Madigan for Office of Speaker. Representative Madigan is nominated for the Office of Speaker. Are there further nominations for the Office of

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Speaker? The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Krause."

Krause: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. It is indeed my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Representative Tom Cross for Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives for the 93rd General Assembly. For those of us who have had and had the privilege and have worked with Representative Cross for the past decade, we have come to appreciate his leadership ability, his understanding of numerous complex issues and his value to all of us as an important source of advice and encouragement. Representative Cross has always been willing to step forward to address the challenges that indeed have faced this House and he has worked on those matters with a goal of seeking always a fair and equitable solution. By applying his legal background and experience, Representative Cross has aided in the passage of key legislation in the areas of fiscal tax policies, telecommunication, health and safety, and criminal justice. For the new Members who join with us this afternoon, you will find Representative Cross eager to work with you, work with you regardless of the region where you live, listen to your ideas and here is someone who does have that open-door policy. Representative Cross is devoted to public service. He challenges each and every one of us to do our very best and he knows that only by working together and reaching across party lines will we all be able to achieve the very best for the Illinois House of Representatives and for the



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State of Illinois. I commend Representative Cross for your favorable consideration for Speaker. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Krause, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Kendall, Tom Cross for Speaker of the House. Is there a second to this nomination? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Secretary. And may I add my congratulations and best wishes to all of you who are serving in the 93rd General Assembly. Change does not come easy, my friends. It is a difficult process. It sometimes pits friends against friends and all of us, I think, try to resist change on occasion. I know my birthdays seem to come with greater frequency than they did 25 or 30 years ago. I tend to try and overlook them, but that change is inevitable and we all must face it in our own way. The seasons change and so must we, but I would be remiss if I didn't take this brief opportunity to say, in that midst of change let me just thank Leader Lee Daniels for his years of service to his district, to the State of Illinois, and to this caucus. He has done a outstanding job and I have enjoyed working with him. But today on our side of the aisle it is about change. A young man who I have known for the last ten years who has energy and enthusiasm and expertise asked the question that many ask on occasion, why do we do things the way we do. This is a Body, as all Legislative Bodies are, steeped in tradition. We do things because we've always done them that way, because it is part

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of our history, part of our heritage, part of the process. Other than the computers and a few things that are different about this chamber than was in the old chamber, I sometimes think Abraham Lincoln could come back and feel very comfortable in the legislative process, even as much as things have changed. And on occasion it is good to embrace change and to ask questions. How may we empower individual Members so that they can pursue legislative goals on behalf of the constituents who elect them? Can we find ways to empower Members of the General Assembly to be more involved and more active in a very complicated budget process? And how can we encourage each Member, on either side of the aisle, to extend their hand and work together for the benefit, not only of those who send us here in our districts, but for all of the people of the State of Illinois. My good friend, Representative Turner, said it's a great day, particularly for Democrats, but may I just say, it's a great day any time this great Body convenes, it's a great day for everybody because we are able to change every two years calmly, without revolution, without blood in the streets, go through some divisive and difficult times as to who we will support and yet the great gift that our forefathers left us is that we sit here today changing. Having said goodbye to some of our colleagues yesterday, welcoming new colleagues today and we'll face that change tomorrow, I hope as friends and as colleagues and as people willing to do the work that needs to be done. We are so blessed in this country that we can change and do

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so in a peaceful, reasonable fashion. It is an extinct... a distinct privilege and pleasure for me today to second the nomination of a Gentleman who is raising questions, who has extended the arm of camaraderie and friendship to all Members on our side of the aisle and I know he will to your side of the aisle as well. But I also know that he will stand strong for principles of philosophy that we believe and if you are willing to work with him he will be willing, I know, to work with you. I'm reminded of Winston Churchill, who addressed Parliament shortly after World War II, and as he looked out over the august gathering, something I'm sure that may have looked something like this, he looked out over everyone and said, 'so much work to be done, so little time.' I think you will find the Gentleman that I'm privileged to nominate as Speaker will hit the ground running. He knows that time is precious, and he knows that we have a great deal of work to do and we look forward to working towards the goals that we need to address, all of us together. So, it's with that eye on the future and a strong belief in the history that we have in this chamber that I'm proud to nominate for the Office of Speaker of Illinois House of Representatives in the 93rd General Assembly, the honorable Tom Cross."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Representative Hassert."

Hassert: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. This is an indeed pleasure for me to place... to second Representative Cross for Speaker. Now, I'm gonna talk from a little different

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perspective 'cause Tom not only is he my colleague, but he's my friend and probably one of my best friends. As I look to my right here and I see Hudson and Reynolds and Genie, you know, a little story about Tom and I have been on the phone for the last 11 years probably every single day. And it's a little scary Genie, I know that, but we have been talking and I've seen these kids and I've started their college tuition fund because Tom would have them in the car with him every morning and he'd be on speakerphone and somehow I would say something off-color and they started charging me for every time I did that. So, now they have a tuition, ya know, built for college. But I've watched these children being raised down here. Reynolds was down on the floor here when she was just a... one or two years old and there's beautiful picture of her and Tom down in that well and I'll never forget that. But my friend Tom, you can tell about a man about who is his mentors and some of Tom's mentors were some of the strongest people I know. First of all, one that's here today is Dallas Ingemunson and Dallas we're not going to sing God Bless America yet, but we'll do that later. But Dallas was the State's Attorney in Kendall County and took Tom underneath his wing and brought him into the political field. Another gentleman that comes to mind that mentored Tom that I think Tom looks up to greatly is Speaker Denny Hastert, a former colleague in this General Assembly. Now, Tom learned from these two gentlemen and from the strong family that he has here today in the gallery and down on the floor that his

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word is his bond, he works very hard, he stands for his principles and through guys like Dallas and Denny he understood the need for cooperation, philosophically you might not always agree, but he was willing to listen, he was willing to outreach, he understood bipartisanship, he understood how to build coalitions. I've watched Tom work so hard in the last ten years. There's nobody that's gonna outwork Tom Cross. If a colleague calls and tells him he needs something, he will be there, if that means getting in his car and driving to southern Illinois; if that means getting up that night when a colleague's ill, driving to the hospital. He's a type of person that is for change. We all have been here for ten years we're starting to become senior Members down here, there is some time for change occasionally. You need to put infusion of energy back into the process. I think there's no better fellow in my mind that can do that than my friend, Tom Cross. I think he'll lead us with honor, he will outreach to everyone in this chamber. Ya know, Rod Blagojevich, Governor-elect Blagojevich, came in with both Tom and I and a number of other of our class. He's willing to stand and work with all us to solve the problems that we face within the state and seek opportunities that we can have in this state. I am excited about today. Tom, I probably won't be able to talk to you as much because you'll be busy, I hope not, but I think everybody knows when you pick up the phone Tom will answer it, his cell phone, he's on it probably 24 hours a day, seven days a week. But he is one guy, as I

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look up at his family and his friends, Reverend Cross, down in the well, and his mother Ruth, educator, these are people with strong convictions, strong work ethics. And Tom, I am honored to second your nomination for Speaker. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Cross places the nomination... as you were... The Lady from Cook, Representative Krause, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Kendall, Tom Cross, for Speaker of the House. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black and the Gentleman from Will, Representative Hassert seconds the nomination of Representative Tom Cross for Office of Speaker. Representative Cross is nominated for the Office of Speaker. Are there further nominations for the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives? There being none... no further nominations offered from the floor, the nominations for the Office of Speaker are closed. The nominees for the Office of Speaker for the 93rd General Assembly are Representative Michael J. Madigan and Representative Tom Cross. And on that question, the Clerk will call the roll. All Members are asked to be in their chairs. We will begin with an oral Roll Call and when your name is called, please stand and announce in a loud, clear voice your vote. The question is on the election of the Speaker of the House of the 93rd General Assembly, and before we go to that question, I would like to recognize the Gentleman from Kendall, Representative Cross."

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Cross: "Honorable Secretary White and Members of the House of Representatives, I move that the House vote by acclamation for Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 93rd General Assembly. I, of course, would ask if one Member would withhold their vote, so that I may be elected Minority Leader. And I respectfully make this in the way of a Motion, Mr. Secretary."

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Kendall, Representative Cross, has moved that the House of Representatives vote by acclamation for the election of Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 93rd General Assembly. On that Motion, I recognize Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Secretary, I think it's a fine Motion, but I'm not sure why you recognized me."

Secretary White: "I think we recognized you for a possible vote, Sir."

Madigan: "Please... please record me as voting for Mr. Cross. Thank you."

Secretary White: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk, there's a Motion on the floor to elect by acclamation Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 93rd General Assembly. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan, has been elected Speaker of the House by acclamation. And on that question, Representative Madigan receives 117 votes, and Representative Cross

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receives 1. I hereby declare that Michael J. Madigan has been elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 93rd General Assembly and Tom Cross has been elected Minority Leader of the House of Representatives for the 93rd General Assembly. Congratulations. With the consent of the House, I will appoint nine Members to constitute the Honor Committee to escort the Speaker to the rostrum to take the constitutional oath. Is there leave? Is there leave? Leave has been granted. I would now like to appoint the following Members to escort the Speaker: Representative Julie Curry, Representative Steve Davis, Representative William Delgado, Representative Kevin McCarthy, Representative David Miller, Representative JoAnn Osmond, Representative Keith Sommer, Representative David Wirsing, and Representative Karen Yarbrough. Will you please escort the Speaker to the rostrum? Will the Committee of Honor retire to the seat of the Representatives... of Michael Madigan to escort him to the rostrum. While he is coming forward to receive his oath, to administer the constitutional oath of the Speaker, I have the honor of again presenting to this House the Honorable Alan J. Greiman, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court. Joining Justice Greiman on the podium are members of Speaker Madigan's family, who will assist in the administering of the oath. Justice Greiman."

Justice Greiman: "Michael, raise your right hand and state your name."

Madigan: "I, Michael Madigan..."



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Justice Greiman: "Do solemnly swear..."

Madigan: "...do solemnly swear..."

Justice Greiman: "...that I will support the Constitution of the United States..."

Madigan: "...that I will support the Constitution of the United States..."

Justice Greiman: "...and the Constitution of the State of Illinois..."

Madigan: "...and the Constitution of the State of Illinois..."

Justice Greiman: "...and that I will faithfully discharge..."

Madigan: "...and that I will faithfully discharge..."

Justice Greiman: "...the duties of Speaker of the House of Representatives..."

Madigan: "...the duties of Speaker of the House of Representatives..."

Justice Greiman: "...according to the best of my ability."

Madigan: "...according to the best of my ability."

Justice Greiman: "Congratulations, Michael."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you. You can kiss the bride. Will the Committee of Escort, previously appointed to escort the Speaker, assemble at the rostrum to escort the Honorable Jesse White, Secretary of State, from the podium. I would like to thank Secretary Jesse White for once again conducting these proceedings. I believe this is the second or third time that he's done it. He's always done very, very well. We're very appreciative for his fine services on our inauguration day. And of course, I think, it was previously noted that he's a former Member of the House.

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And for all of us House Members, let me at this time note that starting with Governor-elect Blagojevich, then to Governor Ryan, then to Governor Edgar, we now have three consecutive Governors who began their career here in the House of Representatives, so we should probably all applaud ourselves for that feat. To Representative Black, I enjoyed the story about Winston Churchill. You say he's getting a little tired and wasn't certain he was up to the speech, but I thought he told some of his colleagues that, in light of being a little tired he thought that maybe this Mr. Black from Illinois, who seems to do a lot of speech making, might handle the job just as well."

Black: "I was there."

Speaker Madigan: "And to reiterate Mr. Black's remarks, my congratulations to Representative Daniels for a very fine career here in the General Assembly. I believe it's close to 20 years, Lee, and you are to be congratulated and complimented for the fine leadership that you've given to the Republican Caucus here in the House of Representatives. Congratulations. We have several people that we would like to introduce and acknowledge and if you would just bear with me and as I look over this list, I hope that there's somebody who is not a resident of Cook County on this list of people that I'm going to introduce. First, the woman that makes it all possible for the Madigan family, the woman that I love very, very much, my wife, Shirley Madigan. Shirley. Lisa Madigan was introduced earlier and the other three Madigans are not with us today because two

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are in school and one is working in London. But they'll all be together this coming Monday for what they deemed to be... they deem to be a more important event than the election of the Speaker. We're very pleased to have with us people from the Supreme Court. First, the Chief Justice of the Court, Justice Mary Ann McMorrow. And here's a non-Cook County person, Justice Thomas Kilbride. Another non-Cook County Justice, Rita Garman. I want to thank Justice Alan Greiman for conducting the swearing in today. We were pleased to have with us during our ceremony, they've since left to go over to the Senate, the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, John Stroger and his wife Yonnie. Also, Senator Carol Braun was here, but she just left to go over to see Senator Jones, former U.S. Senator Carol Braun, former Member of the Illinois House of Representatives. Former Congressman David Phelps. The Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Eugene Moore. The Cook County Treasurer, Maria Pappas. Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dorothy Brown. Member of the Cook County Board of Review, former Member of the House, Joe Berrios. Cook County Commissioner Roberto Maldonado. Cook County Commissioner, Bobbie Steele. Six aldermen from the City of Chicago: Alderman Billie Ocasio, Alderman Toni Preckwinkle, Alderman Danny Solis, Alderman Ike Carothers, Alderman Emma Mitts, former Member of the House, Alderman Todd Stroger. I plan to be very brief and to just touch on three points, so that we can conclude our ceremonies and everybody can go about the business of celebrating. First of all, my pledge

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to all of you and to the people of the State of Illinois is the same pledge that I issued four years ago, renewed two years ago and reiterate today, which is a pledge of cooperation and coalition building. Cooperation with all of you, cooperation with Senator Jones and Senator Watson, and all of the Members of the State Senate, cooperation with Governor-elect Rod Blagojevich. In addition, I continue... I plan to continue the process of coalition building right here in the House by continuing a practice which I began four years ago which is to appoint some Republicans as chairs of certain of our committees. I think that the cooperative approach to Illinois government has worked very, very well. It played a role in taking us through the construction of a very difficult budget during our last year of Session and as we look forward, we know that we're gonna need that kind of cooperation on the budget again, which is the second thing I'd like to speak to you very briefly. We all know, you take the numbers that you like, the numbers that you're comfortable with, but the numbers that I settled on for today is to say that as we begin to prepare the budget for fiscal year FY04 I think we're looking at a shortfall of at least two and a half to three billion dollars. So, just about six to nine months ago we were looking at a shortfall something under one billion dollars. Now, it's grown to two and a half to three billion dollars and so, if we are to prepare a budget which delivers an acceptable level of services to the people of the State of Illinois, where the details and the

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provisions of the budget are acceptable for the people of Illinois, we will have to work cooperatively, we will have to work together. There's one special point of attention that I would like to bring your attention to concerns the problem of affordability of prescription drugs for senior citizens. To... We're all in government, either we've been here for quite a while, for a short time, were recent candidates, whatever it may be, and so we spend time with the people of the state and from that time we know that we, in Illinois, have waited far too long to address the problems of affordability of prescription drugs for senior citizens. And we know that we're getting tired of waiting for the Federal Government to solve what some people think is a problem that they ought to solve. We have spent too much time adjusting our limited programs, one disease or condition at a time. And so, what I'm proposing is that there be a Speaker's summit on senior services. It will be convened within two to three weeks. It will receive a charge from me to do three things. Number one, examine and streamline the existing state programs that are concerned with affordability of drugs... prescription drugs for senior citizens. Number two, develop a real information clearing house so that seniors will know the where and the what concerning the best deals they can get when they're purchasing prescription drugs. And then lastly, the charge to the summit will be to search the nation, examine what other states are doing, take the good things that other states are doing and make that part of the Illinois

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program. So, at the end of the day... at the end of this Session, hopefully about the end of May, why we can all go home and report to our senior citizens that Illinois, not waiting for the Congress, not waiting for the Netherland drug companies, but Illinois is prepared to move ahead and bring some sense and some rationality to a system which is really very troublesome to the people in our society who have given so much to our state and deserve so much time and consideration from us. As I said, I plan to be very brief. That's the end of my remarks. Let me reiterate one, small point. We've all been elected to this job. We are now all part of this institution. One of those who nominated me, spoke to my devotion to the institution of the House of Representatives and the institution of the Legislature. Having given 32 years to this institution, I ought to support the institution, I ought to be interested in its well-being and I am. And I encourage all of you to view the institution the same way. This Body was created by action of a constitutional convention in 1969, ratified by the people of Illinois in 1970. We are constitutionally created. The role we play is provided by the Constitution. Our Constitution in Illinois is modeled on the Federal Constitution and therefore, in terms of separation of power, a key ingredient of American democracy, we play a terribly, terribly significant role. We ought to acknowledge that and we ought to devote ourselves to implementing that responsibility, as we said today, to the best of our ability. So, to all of you, good luck during

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this term of the General Assembly. I dearly hope that all of your Bills pass, but they won't. I will be responsible for the failure of some of them, but I still love you. So, good luck. Chair recognizes Mr. Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I, too, will keep my comments brief. Congratulations to you on your election as Speaker. You're to be commended for your hard work over the years and continued success and thank you for the vote for me, I appreciate that. I wanna also thank those that nominated me today for this position. Bill Black, thank you. Carolyn, thank you, and Brent Hassert, thank you. I appreciate your comments, your thoughts, and your observations. They meant a lot to me and they meant a lot to the process. It is truly moving to be here with you today and I appreciate the support of all of you on our side of the aisle as a caucus, I appreciate it a great deal. And I look forward to working with Members of this caucus, the Republican Caucus, an excellent caucus and I will hope I can and I will do my best to return to you the trust and faith that you have given me as we move forward in the months ahead. I appreciate the opportunity and thank you. I also want to take a second to congratulate all of you that were sworn in today and elected. Many of you have had some rough journeys here and this is a day of celebration. This is a day to be with your family and your friends and your supporters. So, enjoy today as best you can, we have plenty of work to do after today. If I could, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce just a few people and

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then I have a couple of other comments. If I could, up in the Speaker's Gallery, I just have a good number of friends and supporters and family from Kendall and Will County. I don't know if they need to stand up, but they're up in the Speaker's Gallery. Thank you, guys, for being down here. My brothers, Scott and Kennedy are up in the gallery. I'm sorry I couldn't get you guys down on the floor, but if you had been nicer to me growing up you might have gotten down here. There are some people in the front row that I'd like... that are down... sitting down on the floor, my wife's in-laws... or no, they're my in-laws, my wife's parents, Bunny and Kim Hovater, from Huntsville, Alabama. If you guys could stand, nice of you to be here. Brent mentioned this man awhile ago and he has been a friend and a mentor and the guy that gave me my first job and he's largely responsible for my being here and that's Dallas Ingemunson. Dallas, if you could stand up, please. And my mom and dad are here and it's nice to have them here. My mom is a principal in Naperville, Illinois, Ruth Cross, mom. And my dad, Reverend Tom Cross and I think he stood up just a second ago. My dad is gonna have a part in today's ceremony doing the benediction and I... I'm honored and I'm proud that he's part of this today. And I'm also glad, dad, that you were able to find time to be with us. He's also gonna deliver a prayer at the Governor's inauguration next week and I know that's a little more important. So, thanks for being here with us today. I'm going to introduce my immediate family, my wife, Genie, is to my



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right. Genie, stand up so everybody can see you. You know that spouses of those of us in a public office put up with a lot and Genie puts up with more than most. So, Genie, thank you for all of your support and all the love you give me, I appreciate it, thank you. I also have with me our daughter, Reynolds. Reynolds is nine years olds. Reynolds, stand up so everybody can see you. Reynolds, a minute ago told me this was boring so, Reynolds, I'm gonna hurry. I'll tell you... I wanna tell ya just briefly a little bit about Reynolds. Reynolds is... we all look to heroes in public life and Reynolds goes through some struggles on a day-to-day basis, 24 hours a day. And Reynolds, I look to you as a hero in my life because you've been confronting your... your challenges and your problems on day-to-day basis without complaining and never asking why. And I admire what you've done every day of your life and we're proud of you, sweetheart. You're the best. Now, as you know, nine-year-old girls, you don't travel by yourself. You have to have a best friend and best friends go everywhere with you. I see some people... I have three brothers, so I didn't know what this was about. So, Reynolds' best friend is here, why of course... why... she... there's no... she wouldn't... there's no way she could miss and that's Gina. Gina, stand up so everybody can see Reynolds' best friend. Thanks, Gina. I think Gina's at our house more than I am. And then our six-year-old son, Hudson. Hudson, stand up. We're also very proud of Hudson. Now, Hudson's a Cub fan. I apologize to all you Cardinal fans

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and Sox fans, but he's a die-hard Cub fan and he's little upset about Saturday night, he's a Packer fan. So, if you're... if there are any Packer fans in the House, please come console him. It's... I, also, Mr. Speaker, just a few more minutes. I wanna take a minute to congratulate a former Member of this House that's been referred to a couple times today and that is U.S. Speaker Denny Hastert, who was sworn in yesterday to his third term as Speaker. Denny was a teacher of mine in high school, coached my brother, Scott, in wrestling and has continued to be a teacher and a mentor of mine. And I often seek his advice and counsel and will continue to do that. He has been very helpful to me. He's also been a friend to many people, and many Members of this chamber, as well as a great advocate for the State of Illinois. And I think all of us could take a time... or take the... I would encourage all of you to take a play of his playbook or a page out of his playbook because Denny Hastert has found a way to work in a bipartisan manner in Washington, D.C., and he has been very successful working in a bipartisan way and if we all took that page, I think, we would be very... a lot more successful here in the State of Illinois. I also want to take a second... and Bill, you did this and Mr. Speaker, you did. I wanna recognize Lee Daniels for his many accomplishments as Speaker and as Republican Leader of the House. Lee, this state is indebted to you for your years of service and we all are excited on the Republican side and I believe on the Democrat side as well that you're staying and you're gonna

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continue to champion causes that are important you and important to us. Thank you for all of your help. Mr. Speaker and Members of this chamber, for the last ten years I've been a proud Member of this chamber, and I'm proud of the great traditions of the Illinois House. We've been through a lot. And I've noticed in those ten years, I've observed at least over those ten years, countless challenges that this General Assembly has been through time and time again and often we have handled those challenges with a great deal of success. But I think the State of Illinois is now confronting one of its greatest crises and I think you would agree that is the issue of the budget. And the challenge is for us... the challenge for us is to provide, as the Speaker mentioned, necessary government services and to care for our needy, while at the same time being fiscally responsible and recognizing that we have legitimate political and geographical differences in this state. We can handle those challenges and we will handle this challenge, like we often do, with our traditional values of hard work, of dedication, and cooperation and innovation. I pledge, as the Republican Leader, to be by your side, regardless of your political philosophy or your party affiliation, to do what's best for the citizens of the State of Illinois. I also plan and pledge to keep my door open to every Member of this Body. Ours is a great heritage and the brightest of futures. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Madigan: "The next Order of Business will be the election of the Chief Clerk. The Gentleman from Rock Island, Mr. Brunsvold, is recognized."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that for immediate consideration the suspension of the applicable House Rules for the adoption of House Resolutions 1, 2, and 3."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Gentleman's Motion. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Motion is adopted. The Gentleman from Rock Island, Mr. Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution 1, a Resolution for the election of Tony Rossi as Chief Clerk, Brad Bolin as Assistant Clerk, and Lee Crawford as Doorkeeper. The Resolutions are on the Clerk's desk."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Provisional Clerk, read the Resolutions."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "House Resolution #1. Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the 93rd General Assembly of the State of Illinois that the following officers are hereby elected for the term of the 93rd General Assembly: Tony Rossi as Chief Clerk of the House; Brad Bolin as Assistant Clerk of the House; and Lee Crawford as Doorkeeper of the House."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution 1."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Gentleman's Motion. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The

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'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to House Resolution 1, the Chair declares Tony Rossi elected as the Chief Clerk of the House for the 93rd General Assembly. Brad Bolin is declared elected as the Assistant Clerk of the House for the 93rd General Assembly. And Lee Crawford is declared elected as the Doorkeeper of the House for the 93rd General Assembly. Do these Gentlemen accept these offices to which they have been elected? And they're all nodding their heads up and down. And the Gentleman from Rock Island, Mr. Brunsvold. Mr. Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of House Resolution 2 to direct the Clerk to inform the Senate that the House is organized."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has moved the adoption of House Resolution 2. This is the traditional notification to the other chamber that this Body is prepared to do the business of the people of the State of Illinois. The Gentleman from Rock Island, Mr. Brunsvold, is recognized to offer a Resolution."

Brunsvold: "Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution 3 for the appointment of a committee to attend the Governor and inform him that we are organized and await any communication he may have."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the Resolution. This is another traditional ceremonial procedure. Without objection, we shall take both Motions on one vote. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'no'. In opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the

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Resolutions are adopted. Pursuant to House Resolution 3, I appoint the following committee to wait upon the Governor: Representative Julie Curry, Representative Steve Davis, Representative Willie Delgado, Representative Kevin McCarthy, Representative David Miller, Representative JoAnn Osmond, Representative Keith Sommer, Representative David Wirsing, Representative Karen Yarbrough. Mr. Cross, to announce his Leadership team."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And as most of you know, we have taken a different approach this time in this... in our new General Assembly and that is to elect four of our Leadership team and we've already done that, I think, with a great bit of success. And I wanna just acknowledge those in case you don't know who they are. Tim Schmitz, who's already a Member and he was elected as a leader. Tim, congratulations. Mike Bost. Mike Bost, congratulations to you. Eileen Lyons, congratulations to you. And Bill Black. Bill will also serve as one of our Deputy Leaders and I know Bill will do an excellent job in that capacity. Other leaders that are appointed positions: as our Caucus Chair, Dan Brady. Dan, why don't you make sure everyone knows where you are, if you can raise your hand. Congratulations. Pat Lindner, a friend and a neighbor. Pat make sure everybody... well, everyone knows where you are. From Lake County and representing part of McHenry, Mark Beaubien. Mark, thank... From the northwest part of the state up in Rockford, Dave Winters. David. I'm sure people... The other Deputy Leader that I intend to appoint, I

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don't know that this is a shock to anybody, but he's a friend, he's been a colleague of many of yours for the last ten years. He's a guy that understands, not only working together with the other side of the aisle, but he also understands adversity and challenges himself. He's been through some and I've never seen a guy handle things as... in a more... in a better way than this guy. He's one of the toughest guys I know and I mean that in the best way. He's a good friend and he will be an excellent Deputy Leader and a guy that I will rely on a good bit and that's Brent Hassert. Also, Mr. Speaker, if I can congratulate Brad Bolin and Tony Rossi. Thank you both."

Speaker Madigan: "We're very pleased that the father of Tom Cross will deliver the benediction. And if everyone could please rise, Pastor Thomas Cross, of the First United Methodist Church in Elmhurst, Illinois."

Pastor Cross: "Mr. Speaker, if you'll indulge me a very brief moment of personal privilege, I wanna say what a delight it is for me to see many a longtime and new friends in the Democratic Party. It is equally a delight to see many longtime and new friends in the Republican Party. And I wanna say from this podium, not only that Tom's mother and I love him but how much respect we have for him as a man and that we know he will lead, not only by skill and knowledge, but by character. He will lead by the man he is. Son, we're proud of you and we're happy for you and this Assembly. And I know that you as the Republican Leader and Mr. Madigan as the Democratic Leader will work

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together with your shared commitment and hopes to the needs of the people of Illinois. Let us pray. By whatever name we call You, by whatever means we worship You, by whatever theology we understand You, God of all people, as we conclude this ceremony and begin the work of the Assembly in this new term, help us to remember that beyond parochial interest there are pressing human needs. Beyond partisan causes there is the higher calling to serve a noble purpose. As we go forth in this place, knowing You have set before us a new day with new demands and new possibilities, help us to remember above all that every person we serve is made in Your divine image and that You have called each of us to be leaders. Leaders tested by struggle, encouraged by friends, and inspired by the grand and glorious tradition of our beloved state. Go forth to serve, the peace of God is yours. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Mr. Brunsvold, is recognized for a Motion."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would now move that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, January the 9th, 2003, at the hour of 10 a.m. and allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk for introduction of Bills."

Speaker Madigan: "The Motion is that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, January 9, at 10 a.m. Those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed by saying 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. The House does stand adjourned in Perfunctory Session until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning."



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Clerk Bolin: "The designated hour having arrived, the House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 2, offered by Representative Wojcik, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 3, offered by Representative Wojcik, a Bill for an Act in relation to public health. House Bill 4, offered by Representative Wojcik, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 6, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning public health emergencies. House Bill 7, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 8, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act in relation to mobile homes. House Bill 9, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act concerning mobile homes. House Bill 10, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 11, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 12, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act in relation to persons with disabilities. House Bill 13, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning teacher incentive and mentoring programs. House Bill 14, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 15, offered by

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Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act. House Bill 16, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act regarding child support. House Bill 17, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to debt collection. House Bill 18, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 19, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education scholarships. House Bill 20, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. House Bill 21, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act relating to education funding. House Bill 22, offered by Representative Mike Smith, a Bill for an Act in relation to schools. House Bill 23, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Resolution (sic-Bill) 24, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal statistics and law enforcement. House Bill 25, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. House Bill 26, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 27, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 28, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act creating the Internet Voting Commission. House Bill 29, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 30, offered by Representative Lang,

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a Bill for an Act relating to simulated voting by minors. House Bill 31, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 32, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State agencies. House Bill 33, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Insurance Code. House Bill 34, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 35, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 36, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to public health. House Bill 37, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 38, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State funds and funds received by State officials and employees. House Bill 39, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to Procurement Code penalties. House Bill 40, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to State loans. House Bill 41, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 42... House Bill 42, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act in relation to residential buildings. House Bill 43, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 44, offered by Representative Joe Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 45, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 46, offered by

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Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 47, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act requiring disclosure by State appointees. House Bill 48, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 49, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning government contracts with State appointees. House Bill 50, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning long term health care. House Bill 51, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning the elderly. House Bill 52, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 53, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 54, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 55, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act regarding education. House Bill 56, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 57, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning state employee health benefits. House Bill 58, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department of Human Services. House Bill 59, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning day care homes. House Bill 60, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 61, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning State procurement. House Bill

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62, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 63, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 64, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 65, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 66, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 67, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 68, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning the General Assembly. House Bill 69, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning State closure. House Bill 70, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act regarding gift certificates. House Bill 71, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 72, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 73, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 74, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 75, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning State finance. House Bill 76, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning disabilities. House Bill 77, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning tobacco. House Bill 78, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act

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in relation to highways. House Bill 79, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 80, offered by Representative Wojcik, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 81, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 82, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning unemployment insurance. House Bill 83, offered by Representative... House Bill 83, offered by Representative Meyer, a Bill for an Act in regard to vehicles. House Bill 84, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to support. House Bill 85, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning elder abuse. House Bill 86, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning liability for the provision of health care. House Bill 87, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to elderly persons and persons with disabilities. House Bill 88, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to health care. House Bill 89, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State collection of debts. House Bill 90, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal offenses. House Bill 91, offered by Representative Jim Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 92, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 93, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Resolution (sic-Bill)

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94, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Resolution (sic-Bill) 95, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning medical assistance. House Bill 96, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 97, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 98, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 99, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 100, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning advisory questions of public policy. House Bill 101, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act in relation to human rights. House Bill 102, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning forced labor. House Bill 103, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act relating to insurance. House Bill 104, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 105, offered by Representative Bassi, a Bill for an Act concerning open meetings. House Bill 106, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning the General Assembly. House Bill 107, offered by Representative Lou Jones, a Bill for an Act relating to managed care. House Bill 108, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. First Reading of these House Bills.

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There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."