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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops. Turn off all cell phones and pagers and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper."

Padget: "Let us pray. Bless this House and all who serve here, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "Let's hear it for the prayer, fantastic prayer. We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Biss."

Biss - 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 Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Golar and Mendoza are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Reboletti and Mulligan are excused today. And it's just an awesome day."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. 112 Members being present, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 43, House Resolution 45, House Resolution 47, House Joint Resolution 6, House Joint Resolution 7, and House Joint Resolution 8."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Representative Eddy."

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Eddy: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "State your point, Sir."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if you would for just a second help me welcome a group from Crawford County, Illinois. Crawford County leadership is seated up behind me here to the right. They have been coming to Springfield for several years. They're here today to kind of... see how things happen here, and spend the day looking at State Government. So, please, help me welcome the group from Crawford County."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield, Crawford County. The Chair recognizes Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "State your point, Sir."

Winters: "Every year, and this is addressed to the Members of this chamber who are not freshmen, but every year we have a tax deduction that the IRS allows us... In dealing with our per diems. I will try to get to people on the floor, but if you want to do your taxes this week before we return, please stop and see me before you go home. I've got the worksheet kind of filled out in a generic form and you can take it from there. But I'll catch you either this week or next or stop by my desk. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Winters, did you just agree to do our taxes for us?"

Winters: "One minor element, I will give some hints on how to fill out one form."

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Speaker Lang: "I see. 'Cause I was going to bring you all of my materials so you could do it for me."

Winters: "I would love to see it, Lou."

Speaker Lang: "Yeah, great, thanks. The Chair recognizes Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Seeing that Session has been cancelled for tomorrow, and I won't see all of you before Monday next week, I want to wish everybody in the chamber a very happy Valentine's Day. Be sure to do something nice for your loved ones and for your sweeties."

Speaker Lang: "That was nice, really. Representative Monique Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

Davis, M.: "I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please state your point."

Davis, M.: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I think we know that the month of February is African-American History Month. And I just want to share with you who my hero is, my African-American hero. This gentleman was born in Macon, Georgia. At the age of 13 he walked to Chicago, Illinois, because of the harsh treatment afforded to people of color in Macon, Georgia, and other places during that time in our history. This gentleman came to Chicago, joined a church, met the leader of the Eastern Star, married one of her granddaughters. This gentleman had four children: Lucille, who became a counselor and mentor for Chicago Public Schools; James, a U.S. postal worker; Ruth, a stenographer, most young people won't know what a stenographer was. They took shorthand before computers were

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even thought of and then they transcribed that shorthand into whatever notes their employer or business person had provided them. Ethlyn became a realtor. Mr. McKay lost his first wife at childbirth when she was having her fourth child. Two years later, Mr. McKay married another lady and they had five children. Mr. McKay worked at the United States Steel Mill for 50 years. And after 50 years, they provided him with a watch. Mr. McKay sent all of his children, eight girls and one boy to school and taught them the values of most American lives. To value education.."

Speaker Lang: "Excuse me, Representative, Representative. Can we get some order for Representative Davis, please? Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He taught his children to value education, respect other people and to be honest in all of your dealings. Mr. McKay joined the Catholic Church shortly before his death because they built one across the street from his house. Mr. McKay is my African-American hero and he is the father of the State Representative from the 27th District, who has served 23 years in this Body. I honor my father, Mr. James McKay, who is deceased, as the most honorable African-American hero in the year 2011. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Thank you very much. The Chair recognizes Representative Jakobsson."

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

Speaker Lang: "State your point."

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Jakobsson: "As you may have noticed, some of the people here are wearing red today. In 2007, the House passed a Resolution, House Resolution #56, naming February 'Go Red for Women' month in Illinois. And in particular to remind us of caring for our hearts, and it was very nice of Representative Davis to earlier talk about the other kind of heart to take care of. But make sure that you are doing the right things to keep you well. And you know, move more, eat better, that doesn't mean eat more eat better, stop smoking, get your cholesterol and your blood pressure checked. Take care of your heart. Wear red for heart."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. The Chair recognizes Representative Howard. Representative Howard. The Chair recognizes Representative Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I just have... as a way of an announcement, next Wednesday which is the 16 of February, we will celebrate our annual Black History Soul Food Soiree. It's going to be at the Governor's mansion on Wednesday the 16. And we're inviting everyone to come out, share with us and have a great time, great food, great entertainment. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The chair would like to announce to the Members to check your Calendars. There are some committees with Bills posted for next week. There are some committees with Bills posted for next week. So please check your Calendars for those dates and times. Mr. Clerk, agreed resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 40, offered by Representative Reis. House Resolution 41, offered by Representative Jackson. House

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Resolution 42, offered by Representative Crespo. House Resolution 44, offered by Representative Ramey. And House Resolution 46, offered by Representative Jakobsson."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Joint Resolution 9, offered by Representative Currie.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the House of Representatives adjourns on Wednesday, February 09, 2011, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 12:00 noon, or until the call of the Speaker; and when the Senate adjourns on Wednesday, February 09, 2011, it stands adjourned until Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 12:00 noon, or until the call of the President."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Currie now moves, that allowing Perfunctory time for the Clerk, that we adopt the Adjournment Resolution of the House, do stand adjourned 'til Tuesday, February 15 at 12 noon. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion Chair of the 'ayes' have it. And allowing Perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House is adjourned. An announcement. The Democrats... the Democrats will be caucusing immediately in Room 114.

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Democrats caucusing immediately in Room 114. Have a good weekend."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 1288, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 1289, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1290, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1291, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning land. House Bill 1292, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 1293, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1294, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1295, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1296, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 1297, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1298, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1299, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1300, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1301, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1302, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act

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concerning public safety. House Bill 1303, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1304, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1305, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1306, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1307, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1308, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1309, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1310, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 1311, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1312, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1313, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1314, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1315, offered by Representative D'Amico, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1316, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 1317, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 1318, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1319, offered by Representative Senger, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill

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1320, offered by Representative Ramey, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1321, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1322, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1323, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1324, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1325, offered by Representative Greg Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1326, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1327, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 1328, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1329, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1330, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1331, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1332, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1333, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1334, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1335, offered by Representative William Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1336, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning torture of prisoners and detainees by health care professionals.

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House Bill 1337, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1338, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1339, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1340, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning tourism. House Bill 1341, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1342, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1343, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1344, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1345, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1346, offered by Representative Ramey, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1347, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1348, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations and reappropriations. House Bill 1349, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1350, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1351, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1352, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 1353, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House

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Bill 1354, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1355, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1356, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1357, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1358, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1359, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1360, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1361, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1362, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1363, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1364, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1365, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1366, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1367, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1368, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 1369, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 1370, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 1371, offered by Representative

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Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1372, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1373, offered by Representative Coladipietro, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 1374, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1375, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1376, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1377, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1378, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. And House Bill 1379, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."