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Speaker Lyons: "Good afternoon, Illinois. Your House of Representatives will come to order. Members are asked to please be at your desks. We shall be led in prayer today by Rabbi Jodi Kornfeld, who is with Beth Chaverim Humanistic Jewish Community in Deerfield, Illinois. Rabbi Kornfeld is the guest of Representative Karen May. Members and guests are asked to please refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all electronic equipment and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Kornfeld... Rabbi Kornfeld."

Rabbi Kornfeld: "Distinguished Members of this chamber, I begin with gratitude. Thank you to Representative May for the invitation to address you and it is truly an honor and a privilege. I will share this moving experience with those who give meaning to my life; my family, my friends and my community of Beth Chaverim Humanistic Jewish Community. Each day, the people of our state face tremendous challenges. As their Representatives, you have the responsibility of responding to these challenges with fairness and empathy against a very real backdrop of limited resources and economic constraints. The task is not easy. As you begin this Session and every Session, may your judgments be guided by integrity of conscience and of process. It has been said in the Book of Proverbs that the beginning of wisdom is, in fact, the acquisition of wisdom. As we acquire wisdom, we gain understanding. Fortunately, this is not a finite resource but rather it grows and deepens as long as we choose to access it fully. Utilizing every tool of human reason, knowledge and experience, we

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can deliberate with the moral discernment necessary to inform our judgments. So, with an open mind to wisdom from many sources, drawing on inspiration that is personally meaningful to each of us, let us sharpen our insight and not our rhetoric, let us respect our differences and not exploit them, let us recognize the strength that comes from diversity and not fear it, let us strive to engage those with whom we may disagree at the highest level of our humanity ever mindful not to denigrate either such persons or the very issues at stake. Developing our wisdom we will be able to enrich the lives of those we serve, we will gain the courage to admit our mistakes and we will preserve the highest ideals of what government can achieve. As it is said, so may it be and let us say, Amen."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Larry Walsh, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Walsh - 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 Lyons: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, Democrats."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Not a single House Democrat is excused today."

Speaker Lyons: "Batting a thousand. Representative Bost... Leader Bost, how's the GOP doing?"

Bost: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think she's right. There's not an excuse for a single House Democrat, but that's neither here nor there. That being said, on the

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Republican side of the aisle we'd like to excuse Representative Mathias and Mulligan. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Leader. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There's 116 Members responding to the Roll Call, we have a quorum present and we're prepared to do the work of the people of the State of Illinois. Representative Jil Tracy."

Tracy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Jil."

Tracy: "Today I would like to introduce a special guest that is serving as my Page on the House Floor. I'd ask Miss Quincy Teen, Mackenzie Mahsman to stand up. Quincy has just been named the Miss Quincy Teen and her platform is fitness. She recently implemented a day of fitness within her St. Peter's School in Quincy and she is hoping to implement a voluntary one day fitness awareness day statewide and then move it also on the national level. So, she may be speaking, going around as she serves as a Page to visit with you all about ideas how to implement that one day of fitness awareness in our school programs. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield, Your Majesty. We're proud to have you. Representative Al Riley, a point of personal privilege, Al?"

Riley: "Yes. A point of personal privilege. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to welcome members of the Prairie State College Board of Trustees, specifically, Trustee Wendell Mosby who's down here for the ICCTA Conference. Give him a round of applause, please."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to your Capitol. Enjoy your day. Proud to have you down here. Ladies and Gentlemen, on page 3 of

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the Calendar, Representative Krezwick has House Bill 1390.  
Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1390, a Bill for an Act concerning  
local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook,  
Representative Chuck Krezwick."

Krezwick: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, HB1390 would  
simply codify existing federal regulations into state  
statutes. Twenty-seven other states have already done this  
and I think it's probably time for Illinois. Is there any  
questions?"

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is  
there any discussion? Representative Morrison."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Morrison: "Representative, why are you bringing this Bill  
forward? What would this... how would this benefit our  
communities?"

Krezwick: "Well, the main reason is the legislation is  
necessary so that the municipalities in Illinois may be  
made aware of the federal regulations and their obligations  
stemming from it before they enact ordinances which might  
otherwise be preempted. And I should point out that under  
Federal Law there's a way that exists right now even Home  
Rule is preempted. Whether this Bill passes or not, the  
federal regulations preempt everything here and all we're  
trying to do is codify this thing, make it easier for  
municipalities who'll... who turn to the state to do their  
zoning and building laws rather than to the Federal

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Government. In addition, every amateur radio operator that has taken this to court has beaten the municipality. So, what I'm saying is all we really want to do is follow the 27 other states; I'm sure there'll be many more to follow."

Morrison: "Okay. Thank you. Can you talk about some of the benefits that... that ham radio operators provide especially in a disaster scenario like we just had some tornadoes pass through Illinois? We've had some famous examples of Harrisburg and Joplin, Missouri. How do ham radio... radio operators help their communities?"

Krezwick: "Well, amateur radio operators have their own... have their own power sources and just to give you an idea of what services they provide, the National Weather Service Hurricane Center in Miami has an amateur radio station there recognizing the fact that this is the only entity that's going to provide communications to areas where normal communication won't reach. The current FEMA director has said when all else fails in communication, amateur radio will be the only ones left."

Morrison: "Okay. Great. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. I just wanted to urge my colleagues to vote for this Bill. I've met with some of the amateur radio operators in my district. They've told me that, you know, if a catastrophe were to strike our area, if the one tower that they rely on were to go down, that keeping open lines of communication would be absolutely critical for them in communicating with emergency manning control centers in Springfield or in Washington, D.C. I think it's a good Bill. And again, I would urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Bost: "Well, first off, Mr. Speaker, an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Lyons: "State your inquiry, Sir."

Bost: "Does... How many votes will this require?"

Speaker Lyons: "We'll get right back to you on that, Rep... Rep..."

Bost: "Okay. Thank you. And now within..."

Speaker Lyons: "Are you... Leader Bost, we're going to get that..."

Bost: "I was going to vote... if I could proceed with questions."

Speaker Lyons: "Yeah. He's prepared for your questions."

Bost: "Representative, and you know, I'm... I'm a supporter of the ham radio operators. I'm just concerned here, but I got a few questions I need to ask so that at least the Body will know exactly. So, did... would this take away any Code enforcement or Sony, Incorp... enforcement of where the towers might go?"

Krezwick: "No. You know, it's an excellent question. A couple of things here: keep in mind that this... this law would only apply to federally licensed radio amateurs. So, municipalities will not be losing any of the... any of their authority, not a... they will not be losing any of their authority with construction and building Codes regarding amateurs and they will be losing no authority at all regarding anybody else who wanted to build some type of a tower. As an example, someone may say, well, the amateurs are allowed to do this, so we're going to put up a 200 foot

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tower. We want to watch the Bears game in South Bend. Well, if the municipality prohibits it, they can't do it."

Bost: "Okay. But if..."

Krezwick: "And again..."

Bost: "...but if it is a federally... if it's federally licensed ham radio operator. Okay."

Krezwick: "Yes, only, yes."

Bost: "And it's... Right. But if they live in the center of a community that is a Home Rule community, can't... does this... would this then allow them the opportunity to build a tower of any size at their choice?"

Krezwick: "No, not any size."

Bost: "Okay."

Krezwick: "We're getting it... you're getting into an area now where you're talking about what is reasonable to perform efficient communications. If I could just make a point that this is working in 27 other states."

Bost: "Okay. Is... Can you tell us and I'm... excuse me for not going to the immediate language... the actual language and not... and just having the analysis in front of me. Does it actually set levels that these towers can be?"

Krezwick: "No, it does not."

Bost: "Does... Will the local communities be able to do that?"

Krezwick: "Yes, yes. I mean, that's something that can be worked out. You wonder, what the FCC is saying is they took control of this issue back in the mid-1980s because across the country municipalities and amateur radio operators were constantly fighting. So, finally the feds said, we're taking control of this. We have jurisdiction of the whole

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issue including the towers and from that they came... they gave out their regulations. And what other states have done and what I'm trying to do here is take these regulations, put them into Federal Code. Now, an important thing to remember, even if this Bill did not pass, the amateurs still can put the tower up. The only thing that's been restricting them is going to Federal Court. What we're saying here is let's put something together. Let's... let's make it so that the state statutes are very clear what can and can't be done. This is actually giving an additional tool to municipalities. And if I can address one other issue in here, I spoke with the Illinois Municipal League and as you can see on there, they're the only ones really in opposition. They are not actively trying to stop this Bill. I talked to Joe Schatteman. It's kind of a passive position that they've taken and they... they will not work against it. And their policy behind this is, they vote against everything that pre... preempts Home Rule."

Bost: "Okay. I've got a question for you because I'm going to the actual... and a colleague here has brought this up. Did the... the actual Bill text, where does it say that it only involves federal licensed ham operators?"

Krezwick: "Well, to be a ham operator you have to be federally licensed. When... I'm probably one of only two in this Body that has a amateur radio license..."

Bost: "So... so, what you're saying is..."

Krezwick: "...and I had to be..."



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Bost: "...okay, if you have a ham radio license that must be registered... that must be a federal... that's a federal license."

Krezwick: "Yes, that's correct."

Bost: "Okay."

Krezwick: "Yes."

Bost: "So... so, that's the only way that we can... you can get that is through the Federal Government to get that."

Krezwick: "Yes."

Bost: "What... You said you have it. Can you give us the process that went through... that you went through to get that, so that we know, you know, that..."

Krezwick: "Well, for me to get my license I had to send and receive International Morse Code. I had to take a test on radio theory to prove that I could handle the transmitter. I had to learn International Radio Laws and current Federal Regulations. And after you pass the test, then you're given the license and it's renewable every 10 years. There are strict guidelines that go along with keeping a license."

Bost: "Thank you. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "And Leader Bost, we checked with the parliamentarian and Heather told us it takes 60 votes for passage, 60."

Bost: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Questions of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman awaits your questions, Dave."

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Harris, D.: "Representative, I know we've had discussions about this. And let me understand, first of all, what is the position of the Illinois Municipal League?"

Krezwick: "Well, the position of the Illinois Municipal League is that they're opposing it."

Harris, D.: "Opposed, okay."

Krezwick: "But..."

Harris, D.: "And yet... and yet... wait a minute... and yet, so the Illinois Municipal League is opposed. However, what you indicated to me is that these towers are all... can only now be regulated by the Federal Government. Is that correct?"

Krezwick: "That's... that's correct. Under PRB-1, from the '80s, that's correct."

Harris, D.: "Right. So... so, in effect... in effect, the regulatory powers of the municipalities have already been preempted and they've..."

Krezwick: "Absolutely."

Harris, D.: "...they've been preempted by the Federal Government."

Krezwick: "That's exactly what I've been trying to sell..."

Harris, D.: "All right. But now..."

Krezwick: "...sell in this Bill."

Harris, D.: "Right. However, that also then begs another question. Since they've been preempted already by the Federal Government, why do we need this Bill?"

Krezwick: "Why... I think I addressed that a little bit earlier, but basically what we're trying to do when municipalities put their building and zoning ordinances together, they're looking to what the state statutes are saying. They're not

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going to Federal Law. This just makes it a little bit easier, identify the whole process."

Harris, D.: "Okay, okay. And I support your Bill and you're so convincing."

Krezwick: "Thank you. And I appreciate your support very much."

Harris, D.: "But... but I will say, I'd like to go back to what the previous Representative said. I don't know if there's a difference between a federally licensed ham operator, such as you are and what the Bill says which is simply an amateur radio operator."

Krezwick: "Doesn't... No, it's..."

Harris, D.: "So, assuming this Bill passes out of the House, you may want to look at that in the Senate to maybe tighten it up so that we really are just talking about those federally licensed ham operators."

Krezwick: "Yeah. This... this language came from the American Radio Relay League where they have used this in other states. I... we're going to be okay with it."

Harris, D.: "Thank you for your help."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jack Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, I'm a big fan of the ham radios. I know what you're trying to do. I want to ask you, though, our... our analysis indicates that the Northwest Municipal Conference is opposed to this. Have you had a chance to talk to them because they have not talked to me about it?"

Krezwick: "No, I have not had a chance to talk to them, but I'm sure that they're probably opposed to it for the same

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reason the Illinois Municipal League is. And again, that... that all goes back to municipalities possibly giving up any type of control, but the bottom line is right now they don't have the control. The only... the only control that exists there is the pocketbook of the amateur radio operator who wants to go into Federal Court."

Franks: "How tall are these typically, these antenna, and the stands on which they sit?"

Krezwick: "I might say an average might be between 20 to 40 feet."

Franks: "Okay. So, typically... I had an issue years ago trying to help regulate where these cell towers had... were being placed. And my... I wasn't able to get the Bill passed for the same... for the same reason."

Krezwick: "This is... Yeah, this is, but yet is for one thing that you have to keep in mind that these... our... our towers will still be subjected to... limited to aesthetic concerns, building Codes and so on. It's not going to be a blanket, we can build whatever we want thing, all the FCC has said and all we're saying is this law is; can we be reasonable, can we sit down, can we work this out. Because there are some municipalities across the state that will simply say, we don't want any towers at all whether you're a federally licensed ham or not. That's really what we're trying to deal with here."

Franks: "Okay. And there's nothing in here, for instance, that would require landscaping or aesthetics."

Krezwick: "Well, yeah, if the... if the town required it and it's in with reason, it can be done."

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Franks: "Okay."

Krezwick: "It's not going to be a problem."

Franks: "'Cause we did that in Woodstock, when I couldn't get the Bill passed. There was a lot of opposition to one of the cell towers being built and I met with the company and they agreed to spend, I think, \$20 thousand landscaping it and it made a lot of people happy."

Krezwick: "Well, you have to... you know. These... these towers are nowhere near, I mean, there's... that's apples and oranges comparing this type of a tower to a cell tower. Cell towers are ugly and you know, these... these you can work on them, you can do something with it. In some cases, you can camouflage it and in many cases, you know, this Bill will probably change nothing in any of the communities across the state. You're not going to, all of a sudden, see towers flying up."

Franks: "Well, I'll continue to listen to the debate. And I appreciate your answers."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Scott Penny."

Penny: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to speak to the Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "To the Bill."

Penny: "As a city administrator and in that role, over the years, I have been an emergency services coordinator and also a zoning department administrator. And I think that this Bill is a reasonable step to put our state on equal footing to 27 other states that have adopted similar legislation. The role of amateur radio operators in hazardous and unusual circumstances has been known to all of us for many, many years. This legisla... legislation is a

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reasonable step for us to take to get some structure to what we're doing which presently, depending on the local community and how earnest the amateur radio operator is with his appeals basically you're relying on the whims of a Federal Court official to make that decision. So, I would urge passage of this legislation. It gives us some guidance at the local level in our communities as to how to proceed with this and just not give up any significant local control over aesthetics or safety. And I would ask that we support the Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Patti Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Bellock: "Thank you, Representative. I just wanted to check in. On our analysis, the Village of Downer's Grove was opposed to this legislation. Are they still opposed?"

Krezwick: "If they were opposed, they probably still are for the same reason that any municipality would be concerned because you're preempting Home Rule which, as I explained, has already been preempted. I'll give you an example. I discussed this Bill with the City of Chicago Corporation Council. They looked at it; they researched it and they came to the conclusion that what I'm telling you here is accurate. They've taken a no position."

Bellock: "But I don't think, when you said about the IML opposition, that there is... they still can do the tower within a reasonable height. So, you're allowing them to build the tower at what height they want to build it?"

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Krezwick: "No, no. Again, that's something where the municipalities can still say, you know, you can't build a 500-foot tower. You don't need that to perform efficient communications. You can get by with a 20-foot tower. That... that's still in play."

Bellock: "So, it has to go by..."

Krezwick: "That... that has not been changed."

Bellock: "...local zoning?"

Krezwick: "I'm sorry?"

Bellock: "It would have to go by local zoning?"

Krezwick: "Yes, it would."

Bellock: "Okay. But it does preempt Home Rule."

Krezwick: "It does."

Bellock: "Is that correct?"

Krezwick: "This preempts Home Rule and the current federal regulations already preempt Home Rule."

Bellock: "Thank you very much."

Krezwick: "We... Yeah. What this is doing is recognizing the Federal Law and we're bringing it into state statute so the municipalities and the ham radio operators can look at the same thing and work from there."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative John Bradley."

Bradley: "I rise in support of the Bill and move the previous question."

Speaker Lyons: "Gentleman moves the previous questions. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The question is moved so moved. Representative Krezwick to close."

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Krezwick: "Yeah. I just ask for an 'aye' vote. I think everything in the world that can be said about this has been said. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 1390 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Arroyo, Berrios, Burke, Farnham. Keith, like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 106 Members voting 'yes', 10 Members voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 02, 2012: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 3373, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 3406, Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 3428. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on May 01, 2012: recommends be adopted is Sen... Senate Joint Resolution 51. Representative Dugan, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on May 01, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2839, Senate Bill 3533; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 2882, Senate Bill 2999. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee



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action taken on May 01, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2822, Senate Bill 3318; recommends be adopted is Senate Joint Resolution 40, Senate Joint Resolution 54. Representative Berrios, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on May 01, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2545; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 988. Representative Riley, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on May 01, 2012: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 966. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on May 01, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3765; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 3170, Senate Bill 3591. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Mass Transit reports the following committee action taken on May 01, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2937. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on May 01, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 538; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 3597. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on May 02, 2012: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 3374 Senate Bill 3415; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 9... correction... 596 and House Resolution 960. Representative Greg Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee

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action taken on May 02, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3337, Senate Bill 3499, Senate Bill 3544, Senate Bill 3718; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 948, House Resolution 954. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law reports the following committee action taken on May 02, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2569, Senate Bill 2945, Senate Bill 3549, Senate Bill 3552, Senate Bill 3572, Senate Bill 3626; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1692, Senate Bill 1808, Senate Bill 3602, Senate Bill 3638, Senate Bill 3792; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1691. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 02, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2524, Senate Bill 2837, Senate Bill 3336; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 83, House Resolution 997. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 02, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2935. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on May 02, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 278, Senate Bill 1064, Senate Bill 3555; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 758, Senate Bill 1313, Senate Bill 2929, Senate Bill 3257, Senate Bill 3262 and Senate Bill 3399."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, Representative Osmond, on page 12 of our Calendar, has House Resolution 751. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 751, offered by Representatives Osmond and McAuliffe.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the Gold Star Dads of America, the fathers of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, The Gold Star Dads of America organization was created to bring together fathers in a single community to honor and remember their children and to support one another in their loss; and

WHEREAS, The Gold Star Dads of America manage Operation Noble Warrior, an ongoing support mechanism to assist United States military veterans and their families; the project serves to benefit veterans who have suffered debilitating catastrophic injuries, including severe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, while serving in the U.S. armed forces; and

WHEREAS, The Gold Star Dads of America also conduct survivor outreach service projects that directly aid our Gold Star Families; the purpose of this outreach is to help the military deliver on its commitment to the families of the fallen; and

WHEREAS, These outreach and veteran assistance projects provide public awareness and create a positive outlet for the military and civilian communities to unite in a single effort; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that we as a nation never forget the ultimate sacrifice made by members of our armed forces

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and the devastating impact their deaths have had on family, friends, and especially fathers; therefore, be it  
RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor the Gold Star Dads of America and pledge our continued support for their efforts to aid members and families from every branch of service who have suffered catastrophic injuries while serving our nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Illinois chapter of the Gold Star Dads of America as a symbol of our deepest esteem and respect."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader JoAnn Osmond."

Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Gold Star Dads of America is an organization made up of fathers of brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service to our nation. The group was created to bring together fathers of fallen soldiers and provide them with a supportive place to honor and remember their children. While the organization of the Gold Star Moms of America is an honorable and worthwhile group, they exclude dads. Oftentimes, fathers find themselves having to be the strong ones providing stability for the rest of their family; however, fathers need to have an outlet to express their grief and their pain. The group provides fathers with supportive environmental... environment and allows them to assist their families of fallen and injured soldiers. It is my honor to have them in the Speaker's Gallery today. And I'd like to introduce to them members of our General

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Assembly family who are also have served in the... in the service: Representative Mike Bost, Representative Linda Chapa LaVia, Representative Jerry Costello, Representative Keith Farnham, Representative David Harris, Representative Chuck Jefferson, Representative Charles Krezwick, Representative Jerry Mitchell, Representative Al Riley, Representative Wayne Rosenthal, Representative Jim Sacia, and Representative Jim Watson. We join with you in supporting your family. I'd also be neglectful if I didn't recognize another supportive group and they're called the Illinois Patriot Guards and they're right over here. And they come to all the funerals and they're there as guests of the family to recognize what their children have fought for for our nation. So, I would like to ask that we all recognize the men and women up there for a moment of silence for their children. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "We have some additional speakers. Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you Gold Star Dads and your family. I was honored to meet you at the luncheon today to let you know that whether we're veterans or nonveterans all the Legislature, Democrats and Republican, our commitment is to you, to your families, to your... to the survivors, the heroes that are not here today. Even though they're not here today, they're still... they're still in our memories just like they are in yours. Every year around Memorial Day we always go on the House Floor and we go back in time and remember those that were lost in service in the past year. So, again, it's an honor and

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privilege to see you here in the gallery at the House of Representatives and to let you know that all of us will be working together will keep your sons and daughters in our prayers and also in our minds. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Rita Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Thank you. To all the Gold Star Moms and Dads that I had the opportunity to meet last night, I welcome to the General Assembly. I'd like to give particular recognition to Bob Ochsner who is the Illinois Captain for the Gold Star Dads and also one of my constituents. I thank you so much for the invitation. I thank you for each of you who took the time to share your stories with me. As we discussed last night, this is a lifetime membership that no one really signed up for, but it's one that you're committed to. And I really feel that the Gold Star Dads deserve this recognition along with many of the wonderful, wonderful mothers that I met last night. I just thank you for being here and I thank you for the honor and the privilege in allowing me to share that with you last night."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mike Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I join in honoring the Gold Star Dads. As a Marine, I knew what it was like to walk away and leave my parents, but I never understood what they felt. As a father, when my son went to Iraq, I know what they felt. Each one of us as parents when our children leave to serve our heart breaks and we wish we could take their place and all we can do is pray that they return. Unfortunately, there are times that they don't and there but by the grace

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of God go I, whenever I look at these fathers. I thank you both fathers and mothers for raising your children to serve this country. This isn't a time where we are drafting young men and women; they're doing it voluntarily to serve those ideas and beliefs which we hold dear. And without the service and the sacrifice that your family has given, we wouldn't be able to stand in this chamber or our friends and elected officials in D.C. and throughout every state in this nation. We thank you for your sacrifice and we thank them for your service. And I pray that we will never forget that. God bless you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jim Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Body. Over the last few weeks I think we've all kind of realized, you know, the challenges we face, but I think a ceremony like this puts things in perspective for us that it could be a lot worse. Four years ago when I was in Fallujah, I remember walking into our company headquarters when a tremendous explosion went off and a couple of my buddies, we looked at each other with that look that you knew something bad had happened. And as it turns out, a suicide bomber tried to run a Marine checkpoint and a 22-year-old Second Lieutenant who was two weeks away from going home jumped in front of that vehicle and stopped it. And he saved his men, but he lost his life. And I remember my Colonel looking at me that night when we were discussing it and he said, where do we get such men. And Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would say we get them from the

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likes of these folks. Thank you for your sacrifice and for your family's service, Amen."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Last night I had the privilege of speaking with many of the Gold Star Dads and we talked about being military families, what that meant, about getting phone calls at all hours of the night, sending letters and worrying about children that were 8 thousand miles away. And I think it's important to recognize the fact that you realize how small the State of Illinois is when you look up into the gallery because even though we have a very large state, we realize that each one of these heroes is from a community near us, from Rockford, from Rantoul, from the suburbs, from downstate. And one of the things I learned about were all these young men were pursuing a dream and that we all have to let our sons and daughters follow that dream and that we can't always protect them and we wanted them to do the best that they could. And I also learned last night is that heroes aren't born, they're raised. They're raised by dads and moms that instill the values and beliefs that there is a better tomorrow, men and women who would go off to serve their nation, to protect freedom, to protect our democracy and to protect our way of life. We all realize that freedom is not free. All 13 million Illinoisans share your pain and suffering and we will always remember. God bless you all."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Costello."

Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And as a veteran of the first Gulf War and also a soldier who lost his best friend



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and brother in Afghanistan, I would like to thank the parents, the Gold Star parents and the Gold Star fathers and mothers for the sacrifice. Would like to thank you, like Representative Bost said, for raising such fine men and women and while it is a tremendous honor to serve the State of Illinois as a Representative, there's absolutely no greater honor as an American than to wear the U.S. military uniform. And I thank you for your sacrifice and I thank your children. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Osmond moves for the adoption of House Resolution 751. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is unanimously adopted. Representative Osmond."

Osmond: "I would just like to encourage everybody to stand and give them a round of applause."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentleman. Thank you very much. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of Senate Bill 27... I have Supplemental Calendar #1. We're going to read some Bills into the record. Mr. Clerk, what the status of Senate Bill 278, Senate Bill 278?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 278, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. What's the status of Senate Bill 75... 758?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 758, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1

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was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. The status of Senate Bill 1064, 1064?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1064, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Osmond."

Osmond: "Mr. Speaker, I neglected to ask that this Resolution carry the names of all the Members here, please."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Osmond moves that all Members, all 118 names, be added to the Resolution and the Clerk will so order. Thank you, Representative Osmond, for that wonderful gesture on behalf of all of us. Representative Arroyo... Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Ed."

Acevedo: "I'd like all my colleagues to help me give a warm welcome to some businessmen from the Little Village Community Chamber of Commerce. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to your Capitol. We're proud to have you here today. Enjoy your day. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of Senate Bill 1313?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1313, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this... of this Senate Bill."

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Amendment #8 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments.  
No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading.  
What's the status of Senate Bill 2929?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2929, a Bill for an Act concerning  
education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1  
was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions  
are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading.  
Senate Bill 3257."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3257, a Bill for an Act concerning  
State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.  
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments.  
No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading.  
Senate Bill 3262."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3262, a Bill for an Act concerning  
liquor. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1  
was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions  
are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading.  
Senate Bill 3399."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3399, a Bill for an Act concerning  
beer wholesalers. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.  
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments.  
No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading.  
And finally, Senate Bill 3555."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3555, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Dennis Reboletti, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Reboletti: "Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of order."

Speaker Lyons: "State your point."

Reboletti: "Under House Rule 18(g), I move for the discharge of Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment, SJRCA18, from the House Rules Committee. I'm sorry, 13. Under House Rule 54(a)(2), all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status and I do wish to debate my Motion. Upon conclusion of this debate, I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49 and Article IV Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be by record vote and whenever five Representatives so shall request. There are at least five Members on my side of the aisle who wish for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge SJRCA13 from the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I object to the Gentleman's Motion."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady objects. The Motion is denied. Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, I feel like it's Groundhog Day here. I think that I'm 0 for 3 in my new position, but hope does

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spring eternal. But I do, again, rise on another point of order. And I specifically request the Roll Call vote on my Motion pursuant to rights granted in the House Rules and the Illinois Constitution that there's a breach of such rules and it should be corrected immediately with a Roll Call vote on my Motion to Discharge."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative... Representative Dave Winters. Hold on Representative Winters. Representative Reboletti, the Motion did fail. The Motion was denied. Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since the subject of Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 13 came up, I thought I'd give just a little bit of history of this. As most of us talked a little bit yesterday about the fact that we would like to merge the Office of Comptroller and Treasurer that in the age of computers that and with the press able to access all records... public records now, that the idea of running two separate offices doesn't make sense. The best estimate is that \$13 million could be saved every year. That is possibly a drop in the bucket compared to our state's deficit, but someplace... someplace in the order of \$13 million is certainly not something to sneeze about. I would move to appeal the ruling of the Chair under Rule 57(a)."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Bost."

Bost: "Did... He made a Motion, right?"

Speaker Lyons: "Yes, Leader. Let me get back to you. Mr. Winters, excuse me, we're having a conversation up here. Your Motion?"

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Winters: "My Motion was to appeal the ruling of the Chair under Rule 57(a). And that ruling was that there be no recorded vote to discharge. I think that this certainly, since we have 15 Democratic Sponsors of this Constitutional Amendment, I think it would be interesting to have a recorded Roll Call. So, I move to appeal."

Speaker Lyons: "So, the question is, 'Should the Chair be overruled?' On the Motion for a Roll Call vote. Should the Chair be appealed on the Motion to... for a Roll Call vote? I want to make sure I'm doing this correctly according to the parliamentarian. Thanks for bearing with me. So, the question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' All those in favor say... vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' Those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Cavaletto, DeLuca, Franks, Morrison, would you like to be recorded? DeLuca, Franks. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Motion, there are 63 'aye', 52 'no'. And the Chair is sustained. Jil Tracy, Representative Tracy."

Tracy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege. I would... I just..."

Speaker Lyons: "State your point."

Tracy: "My point is, I would... I'm speaking to this Resolution it... I'm just mind boggled that we would have any hesitation to bring this forward, the idea of combining the Comptroller and the Treasurer's Office, because it truly would be a cost-saving measure. And as we're going forward into these tough budget decisions, it seems only logical that we'd be looking into every nook and cranny of public

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operations to try to find money to fill the various holes and to avoid cutting costs. And the beauty of this Resolution is that it doesn't impact vital services or services to families in Illinois. In fact, the current Treasurer and the current Comptroller very much agree and support the concept and in fact, that was their platform. Part of their assertion to the public, prior to being elected, is that they would agree that these two services be combined and save the State of Illinois \$12 million. So, I'm just boggled why we don't move this Bill forward, allow it to be heard and vetted in an opportunity to realize the \$12 million savings. So, I join my colleagues and respectfully request the release of the Joint Resolution 13 and ask that we at least put the dialogue forth as it properly should be as a cost-saving measure to the State of Illinois. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative Tracy. Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Dennis."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, as an alum of EIU, I took a class called State and Local Government. They talked about elected officials, State Representatives representing about 107 thousand people and they come to Springfield from their communities and they file Bills. They go through committee processes and then they try to get things on the House Floor and they debate them. Well, they didn't teach me that this takes one simple abstention, an objection, to stop the

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entire process. So, I think we needed to have that discussion about changing our government books to talk about the fact that we can't get any Bills out of the Rules Committee that deal with saving our taxpayers money, \$12 million if not more. We had this Bill pass the Senate unanimously and we're under a deadline here to get Constitutional Amendments on the ballot. It's... it is by... it is mind boggling; it's simply tyranny, Mr. Speaker and these Rules need to be changed so that everyone can have a voice on these important issues. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative. Leader Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And for those of you who weren't on the floor yesterday, I think it's pretty important that you understand that, once again, you're giving away your rights as individual Members. I know that you're just kind of sitting over there and you're focused on other things, but you know, there were people... some of them stood in this gallery a while ago that have fought for our rights, but yet we don't have rights here on the floor to move forward with a Bill that 13 of your Members are cosponsor of, 13. And I know, good and well, if it's called, a majority of you will vote for it. Thirteen Members are already on board. What happened to our rights? You vote them away in the Rule Book and then you sit there when this occurs and act like it isn't a problem. When are you going to wake up, it is a problem. When you, as a Member, don't have input to bring something that can truly be a savings, though minor in comparison to what all we do have to save, to the floor. Something you can go back and tell your constituents, I did



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what you asked; I saved some money. I combined bureaucracy. I reduced the size of government. We have... since these offices were created, we have an auditor who comes in and takes care of this. We put them in place. So, the checks and balances that was originally put up in the Constitution, we don't have to defend that anymore and we have to put it in place in another side of law. Okay. Go ahead and sit there, don't move, don't worry about it, follow... just like a lemming, off the cliff, there you go. Have a great time. Don't stand up for your rights. Answer to your constituents for him."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Kay."

Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a couple of quick comments. First of all, I respect your ruling. I understand where you stand today and you have a tough job to do, but I guess I have to comment and simply say that politics is something that's pretty unique. It's about as old as the scriptures and as clear as the Constitution. And I think people are kind of tired of politics in the State of Illinois and I think they're looking for some real, solid solutions. I think what Representative Reboletti has brought to us is a commonsense solution to streamline government and I think the taxpayers are looking for that. So, I'm a little bit... I'm a little bit amazed that we are not moving forward on this and I hope at some point in time when we can reconsider this matter that we take in... into, I guess, play here the fact that common sense should trump politics. And I hope we keep that in the back of our mind as we move forward because we're looking for solutions not political..."

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I don't want to say gamesmanship, but I will simply say maneuvering. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative. Representative.. Representative Dave Winters."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Dave."

Winters: "Thank you. I wanted to point out in further comments that this passed the Senate unanimously, that there were 13 Democratic Senators including the lead Senator Kwame Raoul who were on the list as supporting this Bill. I'd also like to read the Democratic Members of this chamber who have signed on as cosponsors but didn't have the guts to stand up and overrule the Chair: Representative Franks, Nekritz, Verschoore, Zalewski... Zalewski, Cunningham, May, Mussman, Jakobsson, Burke, Burke, Soto, Biss, Mell, Farnham and Representative Sente. When are you going to stand up and say this is the right policy for the state? When we have obsolete dual offices that can be combined to save money that can then be used.. all of the money saved, 12, 13 million dollars a year... could be used to save the programs in our district that we know are going to be cut. We have to find savings. This is one small way that we can do that, but instead, you back up the Leadership of your Party in this chamber saying, no, you know, we really like to have two offices so we can run, you know, prepare more people for statewide office. There is no reason not to do this in the modern age of accounting. I would urge all of you to look deep in your heart and ask if your previous vote on

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the Motion to sustain the Chair was the right vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'm not a very bright guy. So, I'd like somebody from the other side of the aisle to tell me what is controversial about this. What is... what is controversial about combining these two offices? Why can't this Constitutional... this Resolution Constitutional Amendment be reported out? It has bipartisan support. I venture to say that if it was put on the ballot it would pass overwhelmingly. It is a money-saving venture. People would say, hey, we like the idea of saving money. The offices can be combined. There's no reason we have... there are some reasons why we have two, but there's no reasons why we cannot combine them. Tell me what is controversial, help me out here. Why can't we put this in committee? Why can't we put it on the floor and have a vote? Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'll be moving Bills from Second Reading to Third, so we've got about five pages of them. I don't know how far we're going to get today, but starting on page 5, if you have a Bill on Second Reading, be prepared to put any Amendments on that may be required. So, starting with Senate Bill 174, under Senate Bills-Second Readings, Representative Robyn Gabel. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 174, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Reboletti, you have Senate Bill 180. Out of the record. Representative Michelle Mussman on Senate Bill 281. Out of the record. Representative Dan Biss on Senate Bill 638. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 638, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Dan Beiser, Senate Bill 639. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 639, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Esther Golar, you have Senate Bill 680. Out of the record. Representative Jerry Costello, Senate Bill 681. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 681, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Robyn Gabel, Senate Bill 820. Robyn, Senate Bill 820. You want to move it to Third? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 820, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Frank Mautino, on page 5 of the Calendar, Frank, you have Senate Bill 1691. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1691, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Phelps, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Mautino on Floor Amendment #1. Leader Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you. And Amendment #1 makes some technical changes. The Bill itself deals with the Uniform Partnership Act and it basically makes all of the... the business Acts more uniform for the Secretary of State. So, everything that goes through the limert... the Limited Corp... Liability Corporation Act, Uniform Partnership Act, Uniform Limited Partnership Act will all be brought in line so that we don't have differing standards."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? On the Amendment, Representative Reboletti. Does not seek recognition. All those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Mautino, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Frank, Floor Amendment #2."

Mautino: "I'm just getting to the text of the Amendments. I believe this is technical. Allows for electronic filing of

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documents and reports transmitted for filing electronically. So, that's basically what I see in Amendment #2."

Speaker Lyons: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Riley, you have Senate Bill 2536. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2536, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative David Reis, on the bottom of page 5, David, Senate Bill 2579. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2579, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Okay, Members, if you look at page 6, if you have a Bill that you want moved, if I see you in your chair, it's a lot easier for me to move this for you then if you're moving around the floor. So, I'm looking at page 6, Representative Gabel, Senate Bill 2847. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2847, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative David Reis, Senate Bill 2869. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2869, a Bill for an Act concerning certain court orders. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Leader Frank Mautino, Senate Bill 2876. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2876, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Feigenholtz, you have Senate Bill 2897. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2897, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Will Davis, you have Senate Bill 2934, Will. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2934, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mike Zalewski, you have Senate Bill 2941. Want to move it to Third?] Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2941, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Esther Golar, you have Senate Bill 2944, Esther. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2944, a Bill for an Act concerning correction. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Elaine Nekritz, Senate Bill 2950. Elaine Nekritz. Representative Nekritz. Hello. Elaine, would you like to move Senate Bill 2950? Out of the record. Representative Keith Farnham, you have Senate Bill 2993. Out of the record. Representative David Reis, Senate Bill 3047. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3047, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Jack Franks on Senate Bill 3137. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3137, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. The status of Senate Bill 3201."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3201, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1



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was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Thapedi on Senate Bill 3502. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. 3202, Mr. Clerk, my mistake. Senate Bill 3202."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3202, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Page 7, Ladies and Gentlemen, we'll be running down page 7, if you have a Bill and would like to move it to Third, please respond. Representative John Bradley, you have Senate Bill 3240. Representative Bradley. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3240, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Chapa LaVia, Senate Bill 3244. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3244, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Leader Frank Mautino, Senate Bill 3249. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3249, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Kelly Cassidy, Senate Bill 3261. Out of the record. Representative Bob Rita, Senate Bill 3279. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3279, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Nekritz on Senate Bill 3287. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3287, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Nekritz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Nekritz on Floor Amendment #2."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 simply takes the provisions of the Service Members Relief Act that... and some of the provisions that apply to municipal and some of the other utilities and applies this to electric co-ops."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Frank Mautino, Senate Bill 3292. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3292, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Robyn Gabel on Senate Bill 3325. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3325, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative du Buclet, you have Senate Bill 3349. Out of the record. Representative Sandy Pihos, Senate Bill 3367. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3367, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Bob Rita, Senate Bill 3380. 3380. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3380, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Zalewski, on page 7 of the Calendar, Senate Bill 3396. Mike, Third Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3396, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Page 8 of the Calendar, Representative John Bradley, you have Senate Bill 3420. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3420, a Bill for an Act concerning nursing homes. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Rose, Senate Bill 3406, Chapin. 3406, you want to move it to Third? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Chapin, we got to wait a few minutes before we can move that. We'll take that Bill out of the record and try to get back to you. Representative Dave Winters, Senate Bill 3435. Dave Winters. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3435, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Lisa Dugan, 3441, Senate Bill 3441. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3441, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mike Tryon, Senate Bill 3442, 3442, Mike. Out of the record. Representative Evans, Marcus Evans, you have Senate Bill 3484. Out of the record. Representative Evans, Senate Bill 3484. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3484, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Kelly Burke, Senate Bill 3517. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3517, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Dave Winters on Senate Bill 3530. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3530, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Brandon Phelps. Brandon, you have Senate Bill 3538. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3538, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Kelly Burke, Senate Bill 3593. 3593. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3593, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Sara Feigenholtz, you have Senate Bill 3594. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3594, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Back on page 7 of the Calendar, Mr. Clerk, Representative Saviano has Senate Bill 3385. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3385, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Dan Beiser, Senate Bill 36... 3614. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3614, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Cunningham on Senate Bill 3635. 3635. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3635, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. All right, Members, page 9 of the Calendar, work with me on this. If you're in your seat, it's easier to move the Bill along. Representative Costello, Senate Bill 3665. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3665, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mike Tryon, you have Senate Bill 3672. Mike... Tryon, 3672, move the Bill. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3672, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Jim Sacia, you have Senate Bill 3673, Jim. Representative Sacia, you want to move the Bill. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3673, a Bill for an Act concerning human immunodeficiency virus. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mike Fortner, Senate Bill 3685. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3685, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Fortner, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Fortner on Floor Amendment #2."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 simply corrects an oversight that was intended in Committee Amendment 1 and make sure that the martial art Kyuki-Do is also listed among the exempted amateur martial arts that is provided in the other list."

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Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation on Floor Amendment #2. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of its adoption signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Robyn Gabel, Senate Bill 3690. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3690, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Sente on Senate Bill 3693, Carol. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3693, a Bill for an Act concerning crime victims' compensation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Mussman on Senate Bill 3724, Michelle. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3724, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. What's the status on Senate Bill 3726, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3726, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1



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was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, Senate Bill 3727. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3727, a Bill for an Act concerning health regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Kelly Cassidy, Senate Bill 3824. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3824, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Ann Williams, on page 6 of the Calendar, on the Order of Second Readings, you have Senate Bill 2947. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2947, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Leader Dan Burke, back on page 5 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 2526. You want to move it to Third, Dan? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2526, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Jones, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Thaddeus?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Representative."

Jones: "I'd like to introduce in the gallery behind me, we have our commissioners from Calumet City who are down here for Park Day. Introduce Mr. Randy Velasquez and also clerk, Nyota Figgs. She's also the city clerk at Calumet City. I want to welcome them to our House Chambers."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to your Capitol, Calumet City. We're proud to have you down. Enjoy your day. Representative Toni Berrios, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Representative?"

Berrios: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Toni."

Berrios: "I want to invite... make sure I remind everyone and invite everyone to the Cinco de Mayo celebration which will be held at the Governor's Mansion tonight. Food is being catered from Nuevo Leon, which means it came from Chicago and we do have a mariachi and a DJ coming out. The party starts at 6. I hope to see you there. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Burke for an announcement."

Burke, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I, too, would like to remind the Members of the event this evening you've all been in... cordially invited to attend the Misericordia reception at the Lincoln Museum. And for those who've... you who have been here before, this is a reception that they run every other year and we're very delighted to be greeted by Coach Ditka, who will be joining us. And for all the Members who will want to have photographs taken with Da

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Coach, he has graciously consented to pose with you politicians. So, please don't forget the reception. It is at the same time as the Cinco de Mayo, 6 to 8 at the Lincoln Museum this evening. Thanks so much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative Burke. Representative La Shawn Ford."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Representative."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker, I just want to congratulate my friend and my Republican colleague, Dennis Reboletti on his new role as Leadership on the Republican side. Dennis Reboletti, I just wanted to congratulate you on your new role and I look forward to working with you help me get the Bills over here that I need passed. You got a little more leverage, so congratulations."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Chapin Rose, I believe the clock is now in agreement with your Senate Bill. So, what's the status on Senate Bill 3406? Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3406, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Rose, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Rose on Floor Amendment #1."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment was at the request of, I believe, the City of Chicago and a couple of other municipalities to define and further to still out that this is a citation to a specific Code provision or provisions. It is their Amendment. There was no opposition

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to that Amendment or I believe, at committee levels. So, we'd ask that the Amendment be attached."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #1 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Representative Dan Beiser, Senate Bill 3428. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3428, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Beiser, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dan Beiser on Floor Amendment #2."

Beiser: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a technical Amendment. It was a drafting error. We identified it at the college... community college inadvertently. We did... we left out the Eastern Community College and simply added that."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Gentleman's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #2 is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1014, offered by Representative Dunkin. House Resolution 1015, offered by Representative Dunkin. And House Resolution 1016, offered by Representative Osmond."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Barbara Flynn Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Representative Karen May."

May: "Yes, Speaker, I have a point of personal privilege. I would like to remember all of you who signed up to be in the Conference of Women Legislator's Cruise Cabaret that our rehearsal is tonight, 5 p.m., Room 349C in the Stratton Office Building, those lovely headquarters. We're going to run through our act and if you haven't bought your ticket, this much awaited event, the highlight of the social season in Springfield, the Conference of Women Legislator's Cruise Cabaret is May 9, one week away. So, we're finally getting around to practice, but sometimes the... the little bit of serendipity and last minute changes make it very, very funny indeed. So, tonight, 5 p.m., our practice. Next Wednesday, May 9, our Cruise Cabaret."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have two announcements that I'd ask Members to please be at their desks. Staff, if you would... if we could bring the conversations down to a hush. Representative Don Moffitt, purpose of announcement."

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Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With the... I'd like to inform the Body. Representative Mathias has not been here this week and it is with regret that I tell you that Rita's mother passed away last night. So, those of you that know Rita Mathias and Sid, if you would, keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Details of arrangement will be forthcoming to the Members, but that's Rita Mathias's mother passed. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Ramey."

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's with regret, a good friend of ours, a Gentleman that came to this Body 10 years ago and then moved on to the Senate 7 years ago and a good friend of mine, Senator John Millner. As we all know, his wife has had a long, long struggle with cancer and during this past campaign, he informed me that she has been told it be about three months left to live. Yesterday she lost her fight and has finally succumbed to this terrible disease and passed away roughly a half an hour after learning of their second grandchild being born in Israel. You all know John. He's a great guy, has done a lot of great work here in Springfield, but unfortunately, you know, he hasn't been down here much this Session 'cause he wanted to be by her side. Deb Millner was a fighter. She struggled with this over the... many years and I wish that we all keep Senator Millner in our thoughts and our prayers and God bless Deb Millner and may she rest in peace. A moment of silence, please, Mr. Speaker. Thank you."

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Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative. Thank you, Members.  
Mr. Clerk, the committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "There are three committees that were canceled this afternoon: Disability Services in Room 430 is canceled, House Approp-General Services is canceled and Appropriations-Public Safety is canceled. There were two additions: the Judiciary II-Criminal Law Committee is meeting at 4:00 in Room 114 and Cities & Villages, which is recessed, is meeting in C-1. Committee schedule for this afternoon. At 2 p.m., the Business & Occupational Licenses Committee is meeting in D-1, State Government Administration is meeting in Room 114, Environment & Energy is meeting in C-1, Higher Education is meeting in Room 115. At 4:00, the Labor Committee is meeting in D-1, Counties & Townships is meeting in Room 115, Judiciary II-Criminal Law is meeting in Room 114 and Cities & Villages is meeting in Room C-1. Tomorrow morning the following committees were canceled: Appropriations-Higher Education, Appropriations-Human Services, and Elections Campaign Committee. Meeting tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. is Revenue & Finance Committee meeting in Room 115 and the Judiciary II-Criminal Law Committee meeting in Room D-1."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair is prepared to end Session, but... well, a reminder, not that anybody needs it of course, Friday has been canceled. I don't think anybody forgot it, but it's on the memo here to just remind you that we won't be here on Friday. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Barbara Flynn Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til the hour of 10:30, tomorrow, May 3. So, all

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those in favor of adjournment signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House stands adjourned 'til the hour of 10:30, Thursday, May 3. Have an enjoyable evening, everyone."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Second Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #29 as amended by the Senate.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 8.1 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

SECTION 8.1. CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS.

(a) Crime victims, as defined by law, shall have the following rights:

(1) The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy and to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal justice process.

(2) The right to refuse to disclose to the defendant information that is privileged or confidential by law, as determined by a court of law with jurisdiction over the case.



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- (3)The right to timely notification of all court proceedings.
- (4)The right to confer with the prosecution.
- (5)The right to be heard at any post-arraignment court proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue and any court proceeding involving a post-arraignment release decision, plea, or sentencing.
- (6)The right to have access to information in a report related to any aspect of a defendant's sentence when available to the defendant, as the General Assembly may provide by law.
- (7)The right to be notified of the conviction, the sentence, the imprisonment, and the release of the accused.
- (8)The right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.
- (9)The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.
- (10)The right to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in denying or fixing the amount of bail, determining whether to release the defendant, and setting conditions of release after arrest and conviction.
- (11)The right to be present at the trial and all other court proceedings on the same basis as the accused, unless the victim is to testify and the court determines that the victim's testimony would be materially affected if the victim hears other testimony at the trial.
- (12)The right to have present at all court proceedings, subject to the rules of evidence, an advocate and other support person of the victim's choice.

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(13) The right to restitution.

(b)A victim, the victim's lawyer, or the prosecuting attorney may assert the rights enumerated in subsection (a) in any court with jurisdiction over the case as a matter of right. The court shall act promptly on the request.

(c)The General Assembly may provide for an assessment against convicted defendants to pay for crime victims' rights.

(d)Nothing in this Section or any law enacted under this Section creates a cause of action in equity or at law for compensation, attorney's fees, or damages against the State, a political subdivision of the State, an officer, employee, or agent of the State or of any political subdivision of the State, or an officer or employee of the court.

(e)Nothing in this Section or any law enacted under this Section shall be construed as creating (1) a basis for vacating a conviction or (2) a ground for any relief requested by the defendant.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was the Second Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 29 as amended by the Senate. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 3277, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This is referred to the Rules Committee."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 02, 2012: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 4264. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."