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

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, we give you all that we are on this day. Please brush away our weariness so that we may be inspired in our work. Help us to discover new ways to reveal your love to all that we meet. Keep our minds clear and focused on all that we need to achieve. Finally, Lord, give us the wisdom to overcome difficulties and find solutions. I look to you and trust you are with us this day. These things we pray, Amen."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "We will be led in Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Croke."

Croke - 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 Hernandez, B.: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Mah is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Mah: "Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Andrade, Evans, Jones, and Smith are excused today."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

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Keicher: "Madam Speaker, please let the record reflect all Republicans are present today to conduct the people's business."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 112 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Leader Davidsmeyer, for what reason are you seeking recognition?"

Davidsmeyer: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Members of the House. As we continue to talk about Women's History Month, we are joined today by some women who are, young women, who are making history as we speak. We're joined by the Jacksonville Middle School cheer team who just won the 2023 Illinois Elementary School Association Large Cheer Division for the second consecutive year. And... yeah, well deserved. Well deserved. These young athletes... these young athletes also can boast the highest score ever recorded in IESA history of a 95.5. We're excited about our past, but we're also excited about our future. They not only won that, they won third place in the Medium Routine Division. They also won the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association state championships in both the... easy for me to say... Medium Routine Division and the Game Day Division. I want to announce all of the members of the team. I'm going to start with the eighth graders. We've got Julia Adams, Jaycee Bates, Mia Frye, Kolby Hoffman, Lydia Keefe... not Keefee, right? Keefe. Elizabeth Saxer, Alivia Swift, and Sophia Withee. Seventh graders, we have Jaelie

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Harp and Josie Meggison. And sixth graders, Edith Bryson-Adams, Chloe Colen, Ella Chumley, Madi Defrates, Madi Doerr, Elizabeth Guidish, Macee James, and Mattisyn Weikert. The cheer team coach is coached by Emily Hudson, and I know she puts her heart and soul into this, as well as her teaching. I have to mention really quick that her husband's also a firefighter on the Jacksonville Fire Department, too. So, shout out... shout out to him. But I just want to welcome these young ladies to Springfield and thank them for all their hard work as they represent Jacksonville Middle School. And I know that we see a bright future ahead for these young ladies. Let's give them a round of applause."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative West, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

West: "Point of personal privilege, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

West: "I just want to take a quick second and ask the Body, the Illinois House of Representatives, to help me to welcome Speaker Terrance Carroll, who's on the left side of the gallery. Where is he? Oh. If you could stand up, sir. He's a former Speaker of the House in Colorado. He was the first African American to hold that role. And currently, he's a senior fellow for Voting and Democracy at FairVote. So, Illinois, if you could help me welcome the Colorado House of Representatives Speaker, Terrance Carroll."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson of the Committee on Personnel & Pensions corrected report for the following action taken on March 2,

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2023: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 3211. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 129, offered by Representative Spain. House Resolution 130, offered by Leader McCombie. And House Resolution 132, offered by Representative Moeller. These Resolutions are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Yang Rohr, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Yang Rohr: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you. Madam Speaker and colleagues in the House, I just wanted to give a warm Springfield welcome to a number of district staff that are in today. We have staff from Reps Benton, Johnson, Rashid, Syed, Ness, and Hirschauer's office today. And I just want to give a special thanks to my chief of staff, Donna Wandke, who gathered them all today to be with meetings with a lot of... a lot of different groups today. And I think it's going to be a really great, great next few days for them, and I just ask you all to join me in welcoming them."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Members, we will be proceeding to the Order of the House Bills on Second Reading. First one, House Bill 42, Representative Ford."

Ford: "Madam Speaker, there is an Amendment that should be released from Rules before I can move it. Has it been released, Mr. Clerk? Okay."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 42, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Ford."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Ford, for the Floor Amendment."

Ford: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Members of the committee. I move to adopt House Floor Amendment #2, and it simply adds language that the autism community... oh, House Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 42. And it simply adds language that would allow the autism community to decide on a design of the decal for the autistic license plate decal."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Ford moves adoption of Floor Amendment number... HB42... Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 995, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 995, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1016, Rep... Leader Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1016, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 47, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 47, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1032, Rep.. Leader Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1032, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1076, Representative Yednock. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1076, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1105, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1105, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1111, Representative Carroll. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1111, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1117, Leader Manley. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1117, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1121, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1121, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Guzzardi, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Guzzardi to explain the Amendment."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 is a technical change that corrects some grammar in the underlying Bill, clarifying the intent of the language. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Guzzardi moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1131, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1131, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Hoffman to explain the Amendment."

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Hoffman: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 is an agreement that I made with the spokes... Republican spokesperson. It removes the ability to have remote meetings."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Hoffman moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1132, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 1155, Leader Hammond. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1155, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Rules Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules reports the following committee actions taken on March 14, 2023: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2296, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2394, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2395, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2473, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House 3071, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3102."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "House Bill 1164, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 1187, Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1187, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1199, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1199, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1204, Representative Tarver. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 1209, Representative Vella. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1209, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1220, Representative DeLuca. Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1220, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1258, Representative Sosnowski. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1258, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1273, Representative Elik. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1273, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1286, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1286, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1291, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1291, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Stuart, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Stuart on Floor Amendment #1."

Stuart: "Floor Amendment 1 was just a technical Amendment that had to do with a implementation date."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Stuart moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1294, Representative Collins. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1294, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was

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

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1297, Representative Elik. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1297, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1342, Representative Delgado. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1342, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1358, Representative LaPointe. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1358, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1364, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 1371, Representative McLaughlin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1371, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1384, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1384, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1

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

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1397, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1397, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Cassidy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. We are still on Second Reading. Representative Cassidy to explain the Amendment."

Cassidy: "My apologies. Just a moment. The Amendment makes reference to the new language in the original Bill to expand criminal sexual abuse, corrects a drafting error. So, I ask that we adopt the Amendment and debate it on Third."

Speaker Hernandez: "Representative Cassidy moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1440, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1440, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1501, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1501, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1533. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1533, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1557, Representative Omar Williams. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 1558, Representative Hirschauer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1558, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1565, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1565, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1591, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1591, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1596, Representative Collins. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1596, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1616, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1616, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1625, Representative Swanson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1625, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1629, Representative Yednock. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1629, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 1636, Representative Walker. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 2033, Representative Stephens. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2033, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2041, Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2041, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2054, Representative Vella. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 2067, Representative West. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2067, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2068, Leader Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2068, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. HB2079, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2079, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2091, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2091, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2100, Representative Ladisch Douglass. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 2147, Representative Yang Rohr. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 2155, Representative Keicher.

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Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 2100, Representative Ladisch Douglass. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2100, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2160, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2160, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2174, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2174, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Didech, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Didech to explain the Amendment."

Didech: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 removes language regarding the recording of the policy statement. It also clarifies that the warranty refers to an industry-standard warranty. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Rep. Didech moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2219, Leader Evans. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 2192, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2192, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Didech, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Didech to explain the Amendment."

Didech: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Floor Amendment 2 makes a technical change. There's no substantive change to the Bill. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Didech moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2222, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 2223, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2223, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2231, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2231, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2238. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2238, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2247, Leader Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2247, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2248, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2248, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2251, Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 2267, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2267, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill... House Bill 2277, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2277, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Moeller, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Moeller to explain the Amendment."

Moeller: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Amendment reduces the number of hours mentioned in the legislation from five hours to three and a half hours for park district programs that are exempt from licensure from DCFS. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Moeller moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the 'ayes'... of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2278, Representative Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 2300, Representative Davis. Will Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2300, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2301, Representative Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the record... please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2301, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2303, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2303, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2308, Representative Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2308, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2317, Leader Rita. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2317, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2325, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2325, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2376, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2376, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2392, Representative Scherer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2392, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2437, Representative Lilly. Out of the record. House Bill 2443, Representative Chung. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. House Bill 2448, Representative Johnson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2448, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2461, Representative Walsh. Out of the record. House Bill 2464, Representative Cassidy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2464, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2477, Representative Croke. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2477, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2487, Representative Lilly. Out of the record. House Bill 2496, Leader Rita. Out of the record. House Bill 2499, Representative Morgan. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2499, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Morgan, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Morgan to explain the Amendment."

Morgan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a technical cleanup to amend a date. That's all the Amendment does."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Morgan moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. House Bill 2503, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2503, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. Representative Moeller is recognized."

Moeller: "Thank you, Madam Chair. I rise for personal... personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Moeller: "Thank you. I rise today to recognize March 14 as Equal Pay Day for 2023. This date is based on U.S. Census figures showing that the average woman who works full time is paid on average just 84 percent of the typical man's pay. Started by the National Committee on Pay Equity in 1996, the goal of

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Equal Pay Day is to raise awareness about the ongoing gender wage gap. In 2022, changes were made to the methodology and the equal pay day calendar now encompasses a broader cross-section of women, including those who work part time or seasonally and to represent a more accurate picture of how the gender pay gap impacts diverse communities. How the COVID-19 pandemic pushed many women, especially women of color, into part-time or seasonal work or out of the workforce altogether. And because of this, past methods of calculating the wage gap fell short of accurately capturing the full picture. With this new inclusive methodology, we can advocate on behalf of all women in the workforce. Because the pay gap varies significantly amongst different communities, other equal pay days have been added to the calendar over the years to reflect the fact that many women must work far longer into the year to catch up to men. So, LGBTQIA+ Equal Pay Day is June 15. Black Women's Equal Pay Day is July 27, with black women working full time and year-round paying... getting paid 67 cents on the dollar compared to men and are paid 64 cents for every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men. Moms Equal Pay Day is August 15, with moms working full time and year-round being paid 74 cents on the dollar. And all earners, including part time and seasonal, paid 62 cents for every dollar paid to dads. And Latina Equal Pay Day is October 5, with Latina women working full time and year-round being paid 57 cents on the dollar and 54 cents for every dollar paid to every non-Hispanic white man. Native Women's Equal Pay Day is November 30, with Native women working full time and year-round being paid 57 cents and all earners being paid 51 cents

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per every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men. Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders Equal Pay Day is also held each year to also recognize that they are paid less than their white male counterparts at 92 cents on the dollar. Studies have shown that the pay gap starts as soon as one year after college, and this inequality affects not only women, but also their families and society as a whole. And we know that the pay gap between men and women has long-term effects on women's economic security, with the gap affecting women's Social Security earnings, their ability to save for retirement, and their child's... their children's education. Pay equity is closely linked to the eradication of poverty and is essential to having highly motivated and skilled workforce. So, equal pay should be a priority for all of us. And we here, in this Body, have the ability to help close the wage gap in Illinois. We have legislation before us this year that will help make it easier for women and people of color to negotiate fair wages by passing wage transparency, helping women take care of their families while staying in the workforce by funding affordable and high-quality child care, and by supporting paid family leave policies. We can make a difference in the lives of women and their families across Illinois by not only recognizing that we still have a pay gap and a gender... and we still have gender inequality, but by taking the steps to close that gap. So, thank you for your attention. And thank you to the Chair for this opportunity to recognize Equal Pay Day. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Canty is recognized."

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Canty: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A woman's work is never done. It's a cliché, for certain, but ideas are cliché because they involve a deep truth. Because women earn less on average than men, we must work longer for the same amount of pay. Today, March 14, is Equal Pay Day, which symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. The gap is even wider for women of color. Even after the year is over, a woman's work is never done. During Women's History Month, and in recognition of Equal Pay Day, I rise to honor lawyer and political activist, Florynce 'Flo' Kennedy, whose dynamic career fought sexist and racist policies that perpetuate the gender wage gap and discrimination in the workplace. Born in 1916 in Kansas City, Missouri, Kennedy was no stranger to racism. Her parents once stood up to members of the Ku Klux Klan who tried to drive their family from their home in a predominantly white neighborhood. Kennedy left Missouri in 1942 to attend Columbia University. Within a few years, she'd be rejected by Columbia's Law School. Not because she was black, but because she was a woman. In her autobiography, she responded, 'Whatever the reason was, it felt the same to me.' After threatening a discrimination suit, Kennedy was admitted as one of eight women, and the only black person in her class. She became one of Columbia Law's first black female graduates in 1951. After representing musical giants Billie Holiday and Charlie Parker, Kennedy left law to become more involved in political activism. She was a founding member of the National Organization for Women and led demonstrations against the *New York Times*. At the time, the paper's want ads were segregated by sex, blocking women from

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higher-paying jobs. Thanks to Kennedy's leadership, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission acknowledged that separate want ads for men and women violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. The victory was a first step in empowering women who were entering the workforce. Kennedy was also a tireless advocate for a woman's right to choose and founded the Feminist Party, which nominated Congresswoman Shirley Chisolm for President in 1972. And we all know Shirley Chisolm; if they won't give you a seat at the table, you bring your own chair. In 1974, *People Magazine* called Kennedy 'the biggest, loudest, and indisputably, the rudest mouth on the battleground where feminist activists and radical politics joined in mostly common cause.' Her life's work is a constant reminder that a woman's work, her work to lift up other women, close the gender pay gap, and end discrimination of all kinds, is never done. And on Equal Pay Day, we bring the joy. We learn about and remember Flo Kennedy and recommit to carrying on her legacy here in Illinois. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. In recognition of Women's History Month, I'm honored to introduce the Body to Elizebeth Smith Friedman. Elizebeth Smith Friedman outwitted mobsters, bootleggers, and uncovered Nazi spy rings. Born in 1892 to Quaker parents in Indiana, she studied literature in college. While studying Shakespeare folios at the Newberry Library in Chicago, she landed her first job in 1916. The librarian at the Newberry introduced Friedman to Colonel George Fabyan. The Colonel was a rich industrialist determined to uncover secret codes hidden within the Shakespearian documents. He

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hired her at the River Banks Laboratories in Geneva, Illinois, where she worked alongside William Friedman, a geneticist and a photographer. Together they studied Shakespeare, not finding any codes, but instead they found love for each other and codebreaking. As World War I approached, Colonel Fabyan established the first codebreaking unit, putting Friedman and William in charge. They developed their own methods of decrypting based on math, instead of linguistics. The U.S. government soon came calling. Friedman trained the first team of codebreakers in World War II, while William broke codes on the war's front. After the war, they moved to Washington, D.C. for William's work with the U.S. Army Intelligence. Friedman left office to become a mom, but never gave up codebreaking. She loved deciphering codes so much that even her notes and cards to family and friends contained codes for them to break. In 1925, all that changed when the U.S. Coast Guard came knocking at her door. They needed her help. They needed her to decipher the coded radio messages around illicit alcohol and organized crime. She decrypted about 25 thousand messages a year, while creating the first strategic intelligent gathering. Her work became so essential that in 1931 the Coast Guard approved her plan to develop a codebreaking unit, putting her in charge. The first woman to ever run such a unit. Her codebreaking made her the key witness in court cases to bring down Al Capone and international rum operations. Fed up with the objections of attorneys and defense attorneys calling her work witchcraft and foolishness, she set up a black board and gave a class in court on how deciphering works. Her instructions silenced the

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attorneys and got her the convictions. When World War II started, her unit moved under the Navy and a military officer she had to train was placed in charge. The unit was assigned to monitor communication between spy rings in South America and Nazi high command. She decrypted messages transmitting the location of Allied ships in the Atlantic Ocean to U-boat captains, who were destroying the ships. On behalf of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, Brazil began arresting the spies and giving away the code that had been broken. The radio waves went silent. When they started up again, she had to break new codes, and they were more complex, in order to keep the Allied ships safe. With mere pen and paper, she destroyed some of the most important codes during the war. Within a year after the war ended, her unit was disbanded. She signed a Navy oath of silence until her death, sitting silently while J. Edgar Hoover took credit for the decryptations and erased Friedman and her team from the official record. Because her work was classified and she was forbidden to speak about her service to the U.S., her work was often attributed to men, her husband, colleagues, and the FBI's J. Edgar Hoover. Her husband, William Friedman, was considered one of the greatest codebreakers of all time, but in truth, they were a dynamic duo of codebreaking. She helped to create codebreaking methods that formed the basis and theory of decrypting today, giving rise to the many U.S. intelligence agencies. She died in 1980, taking her secrets with her, upholding her oath. In 2008, the files detailing her work were declassified, and her story can finally be told. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Severin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Severin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Severin: "I'm honored today to have my Page from Benton High School, Cole Buchanan. He's a sophomore. And in the gallery are his father and mother, Chad and Lori Buchanan, and his squirt little brother, Liam. Before I talk about Cole, I want to talk about Cole's mother, Lori. She's a hero to the Severin family because she taught my grandson how to ride a bicycle. So, thank you, Lori. I want to tell you a little bit about this young man. He's a sophomore at Benton High School. He's number one in his class. He's a part of the student council, the Youth in Government, Scholar Bowl, band, drafting, team cross country, and track. He participates in community activities and Vacation Bible School. He's a volunteer Camp Sunshine worker, TMH special needs class, taking the kids on shopping trips and being their buddy, and the community food drive. He's the Illinois Association of Student Council's 1st Vice President, Youth and Government Secretary of the Senate, and he's the Class 1A Cross Country 15th place as a sophomore this last year as an All-State athlete. And his goal is to be an administrator in education. His name is Cole Buchanan, and he now has the official Dave Severin ink pen. He has a Dave Severin backpack. He has a Dave Severin sock cap. He has a Dave Severin hoodie. Welcome to the floor, Cole Buchanan."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Scherer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Scherer: "I want to just follow up on what my peers had already mentioned. And this has just been something that I have really been hearing a lot about lately, and that is this equal pay for women. And I just have to say one more thing about this. As I stood and I listened and I heard, there's equal pay for this group of women, that group of women, all women in general, the list goes on and on. And I'm like, why do we need such a long list? We need such a long list, Ladies and Gentlemen, because it just doesn't seem like we're being heard. The problem still exists in 2023. We're not asking to be paid more than men. We're just asking to be paid equal. Why should we do the same job and make pennies on the dollar for someone else who is doing the exact same job? It's hard for me to even believe that I'm standing up and speaking about this. And if we want all these special days to go away, there's an easy solution. Just start paying women the same thing as you pay men, and we won't have a problem any more. It'll just go away. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Caulkins, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Caulkins: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

Caulkins: "All right, everybody, today is National Pi Day. Now, I know that you may think of that the day to eat a piece of pie, but that's really not what this is about. Today is March 14, 3-14, which is Pi. Pi is the circumference of a circle to

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its diameter, or approximately 3.14. And if I can talk for about another 12 minutes, it'll be 3.14159, but we won't do that. Pi Day occurs on March 14. It was started in 1988 in San Francisco. And in 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a Resolution recognizing Pi Day. So, today I stand to recognize Pi. Today is Pi Day. Also, it is Albert Einstein's birthday. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McLaughlin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege for an announcement for the entire Body."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

McLaughlin: "Tomorrow, everyone, the National Fire Sprinkler Association would like to invite all of us, tomorrow morning, to a live trailer burn demonstration. Wednesday, March 15, at 11 a.m. There's a number of Bills coming before this Body, including one that Representative Flowers is sponsoring, HB2221. And the demonstration will take only 20 minutes. The invite, again, is for everyone in the Body. It'll be located at the south end of the Howlett Building, on Edwards Street, between Second and First Streets. So, please attend and learn a little bit about what will be coming to the floor and what we're trying to help from a public safety perspective. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Stuart, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stuart: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Please proceed."

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Stuart: "I just wanted to take a minute to introduce... I have a very special Page with me today. I want to introduce Ryan Jenkins to the Body. I met Ryan back when he was a junior in high school, and he had done an assignment for his English class and indicated his interest in politics and government. And so, his wonderful English teacher, Dave Lipe, reached out to me and said, 'I think this young man would love to meet you. Is that possible?' We met for coffee and had a long talk, and it's turned into a relationship where Ryan has been interning with me in all the intervening years. He is now a sophomore at Saint Louis University, doing very well. He's majoring in political science and economics. He's a member of Model UN. He's also part of the Econ Club. And he also has a really interesting job with Urban Harvest, where he has learned more about plants than anybody needs to know and is lots of information when we are out walking and meeting people in their neighborhoods. He's here today to see the process here on the floor, but also to find out about his future plans. And hopefully, we can someday get him to work here on our staff here in Springfield. So, if we can give him a warm welcome, I would appreciate it."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Mah is recognized."

Mah: "Speaker, Democrats would request an immediate caucus in Room 114."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Madam Speaker, the Republicans would request a caucus upon adjournment in 118."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Republicans and Democrats will caucus after adjournment, and we will immediately go to committees

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following the end of this caucus. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 128, offered by Representative Severin. And House Resolution 131, offered by Representative Norma Hernandez."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, March 15, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."