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Speaker Evans: "The House shall be in order. The House shall be in order. Members should be in their chairs. We'll be led today by Reverend Dr. Benjamin Squires, the Reverend at Bethel Lutheran Church. Squires is a guest of Representative Mason and Representative Rita Mayfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance."

Reverend Squires: "It's an honor to be with you today. Thank you to Representative Mason for the invite. Thank you to Representative Mayfield for hosting me today. Let me pray for you and pray over you now. Eternal Lord, ruler of all, I come to you on behalf of this Assembly, elected officials, and all staff. I ask that you graciously look upon all who have been set in positions of authority among us, that guided by your holy spirit they may be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution, and unwavering in duty so that all people of Illinois may live in peace and flourishing. And I pray this day that Representative Mason will return to health quickly. Father of mercies, I ask that you would give comfort to the family and friends of Battalion Fire Chief Michael Higgins of the Grayslake Fire Prevention District who passed away suddenly on November 21. Be with the Grayslake Fire District and all who mourn for Chief Higgins. I also ask, Lord, that you support and encourage all of our first responders, fire, police, and all emergency workers who continually serve the community in dangerous situations, who see many troubling and difficult things. Protect them both in the line of duty and when they are at home. Protect them in

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body and mind and soul. God of love, I pray that we are able to see your love at work in this world. Give these elected officials and staff a deep love for others. Lord, grant them a vision of your world that reflects your love, a world where the weak are protected and none go hungry or poor, a world where the riches of creation are shared and everyone can enjoy them, a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect, a world where peace is built with justice and justice is guided by love. Righteous God, I do not only ask for our government to lead with justice, I also ask that your church will join in this work towards racial reconciliation and equality within the church and within society at large. I pray that those who advocate racist ideologies and those who are deceived by them be brought to repentance and that justice and healing come to those who have been wounded. I pray all of this through Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."

Speaker Evans: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Leader Wheeler."

Wheeler - 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 Evans: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Greenwood is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

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Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record show that Representatives Didech, Mason, Ramirez, and Yingling are excused today."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Welter is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representatives Reick, Meier, Mazzochi, Bennett, and Sosnowski are excused for the day."

Speaker Evans: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Clerk, please take the record. There being 109 Members answering the roll, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on November 30, 2022: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur is Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4073. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 1017, offered by Representative Harris, is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Evans: "Under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 93, offered by Representative Swanson. Representative Swanson is recognized."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, we're here to honor and recognize a heroic individual. 29 April 2022 was the end of watch for Knox County Sheriff Deputy Nicholas 'Nick' Weist. Deputy Weist gave his life in the line of duty while in pursuit of an armed subject, despite Deputy Weist's shift had ended and he was on his way home to see his family the early morning of 29 April. On his drive home, he heard his fellow

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law enforcement officers were in pursuit of an individual from Galesburg heading north on Illinois State Route 150. The subject had a gun and fired at officers. Deputy Weist, expecting the pursuit to continue north and instead of going home, returned to a location near Alpha, Illinois to deploy sticks... stop sticks. To avoid the stop sticks, the armed subject veered in the direction of Deputy Weist, hitting him. The car was stopped and the pursuing officers then caught the subject running from the scene. Donovan Swartz, Girard Fire Department volunteer, was in the work... was in his work truck and observed Deputy Weist get struck. He began rendering emergency first aid and did so until additional officers and emergency personnel arrive. Deputy Weist may have saved many young children's lives. At the time of the incident, just a mile away, AlWood Elementary School children were crossing Route 150 to attend school, which sits at a corner along the highway. It is unimaginable what could have been without Deputy Weist's heroic actions. The suspect had active warrants for unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon, aggravated fleeing and eluding, crimes against persons, and mob actions. On that particular day, I was leaving home and looked to my west about a mile and I saw all the police cars. My son farms a farm at that same intersection. My first thought and phone call was to him. He answered the phone. Unfortunately, Deputy Weist could not. Deputy Weist married the love of his life, Jessica Weist, on January 11, 2012. He was a devoted husband and father to Jessica and his two children, Ava and Emery. He wanted to be a police officer since he was very little. He graduated from Western Illinois

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University in 2009 with a degree in law enforcement and justice administration. Following an internship at the Rock Island Police Department, he worked as a security guard for Trinity Hospital in the Quad Cities in 2012. He was hired by the Mercer County Sheriff's Department as a 9-1-1 dispatcher, and then as a correctional officer. On June 26, 2015, Deputy Weist was sworn into the Aledo Police Department. And after graduating from the Illinois Police Training Institute in September, 2015, he began his career on the road. He was also a volunteer for the Viola Fire Department. In 2018, he began working as a sheriff deputy for Knox County, where he was working at the time of his death. His first priority was always his family. He loved anything outdoors and he especially enjoyed mountain biking and fishing with his children. He also enjoyed deer hunting, cooking, and playing video games. As a son, he cared deeply for his 'Mama Bear' and his father, Kevin. He was passionate about everything he did. Deputy Weist organized the Explorers' Post at Aledo High School for kids interested in law enforcement and was the head of college recruiting for the Knox County Sheriff's Department. He was a union president and a Taser instructor and served as a leader in a number of different organizations within the sheriff's department. Throughout his career, Deputy Weist raised funds for and participated in a Shop with a Cop program. His dedication to the sheriff's department was unrelenting. He was respectful to all people, selfless, and always took care of others before himself. He continuously searched for ways to improve the department. He was a good husband, father, and amazing officer. He'd never highlight a

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problem without offering a solution. This Resolution is prepared... is to name Route 150 from Main Street Galesburg to Illinois Route 17 in Alpha, passing by that AlWood Elementary School, named 'Deputy Sheriff Nick Weist Memorial Highway'. With us in the Speaker's Gallery today, I'd like to acknowledge Jessica, Avery (sic-Ava) and Emery. Also, like to acknowledge Robin, Nick's mom, and his step dad, Bill Monson; Kevin Weist, Nick's dad; Cheryl, Jessie's mom; Lindsay Weist, sister, and her children Mariah and (unintelligible). I'd also like to recognize, on the right-side, Knox County Sheriff David Clarke... David Claque, who... today is his last day after serving 50 years of law enforcement. Also, Donald 'Ike' Hackett, President of the Spoon River FOP Lodge, Chris Southwick, President of the Illinois FOP, Sheriff-elect Jack Harlan. And surrounding not only here in... with Jessica, but as always, her new family, the Knox County Sheriff's Department. Thank you. Representative Hammond has a few words to say and then I'd ask for a moment of silence."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Please continue."

Hammond: "Jessica, you are always in our prayers. We can never thank you enough for all of the sacrifices that your beloved husband gave, not just to Knox County or Mercer County, but to the State of Illinois. Sheriff Claque, thank you for 50 years of amazing dedicated service to your department, to your officers, and to the community as well as the State of Illinois. We'll keep you in our prayers as well, and God bless you all. Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative Swanson, Representative Hammond. The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you. Under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, we have House Resolution 983, offered by Representative Davis. Representative Davis is recognized."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. If I can just have the Body's attention for just another moment, please, I would appreciate it. First of all, Representative Swanson, thank you very much for acknowledging an outstanding individual here in the State of Illinois with the Resolution that you just passed. And I, too, would like to acknowledge a very outstanding individual here in the State of Illinois. Debra, would you please stand? So, Ladies and Gentlemen, standing in the Speaker's Gallery is Debra Ward-Mitchell. And Debra is being recognized as the National Education Association Education Support Professional of the Year for 2022 for the National Education Association. Please give her a great round of applause. And

WHEREAS, The Members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Debra Ward-Mitchell on the occasion of being named by the National Education Association as the Education Support Professional of the year for 2022; and

WHEREAS, Debra Ward-Mitchell is a strong advocate for Education Support Professionals, ensuring that they know their value and worth and that the rest of the community recognizes their contributions; and

WHEREAS, Debra Ward-Mitchell has served Thornton Township High School District 205 for 38 years, Ladies and Gentlemen, that is a High School District in my district; and

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WHEREAS, Debra Ward-Mitchell has worked as a paraeducator in Thornton Township High School District 205 for 20 years, serving students with behavioral disorders and helping them succeed; and

WHEREAS, Debra Ward-Mitchell has worked tirelessly to keep vulnerable students on track for graduation; and

WHEREAS, Debra Ward-Mitchell is an assistant director at the Infant Care Center in District 205, where she provides services for teen parents; and

WHEREAS, Debra Ward-Mitchell is an outstanding union member, a passionate student advocate, and a powerful voice for Education Support Professionals; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Debra Ward-Mitchell on being named the 2022 Education Support Professional of the Year by the National Education Association, and we wish her many years of continued success and advocacy and service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution will be presented to you once it is passed and in my possession. So, again, Ladies and Gentlemen, want to acknowledge her. She is joined today by her son, Daniel Mitchell. You can wave. She is also joined by her son, Ryan Mitchell; Bonnie Hooks, her cousin; Cheryl Johnson, cousin; Denise Iron, cousin; Candice Coleman, her supervisor; Robert Powell, one of her colleagues; Thelma Weaver, another colleague; and representatives from IEA that include Kathi Griffin, who's the President of the IEA, Al Llorens, the VP of the IEA, Tom Tully, Secretary Treasurer of the IEA, Susan Hudson, IEA Region 27 Chair, Michael Shoudy,

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Executive Director of the IEA, Sean Denney, IEA Government Relations Director, Jordan Hammer, IEA graphic designer/photographer, and Unique Morris, who is the IEA lobbyist. And again, I want to thank her for her work. All of us appreciate the work of educators in all different spaces. And she's doing something a little difficult because she's working with teen moms who are trying to complete their high school education and also raise and balance a family. I've had the pleasure of visiting her program on a few occasions at Thornton High School and had an opportunity to read to some of the young children in her program. And it's great that when we have educators who go above and beyond to support, not just in the classroom, but again, these young students who have children trying to make sure that they get what they need and can continue their education. That's important. And I'd be remised if we didn't acknowledge, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the National Education Association. The entire country has acknowledged someone from the State of Illinois, proud to say she's from my district, as that support person of the year. So, again, we appreciate you, we thank you, and this is a great opportunity to acknowledge you. So, please give her a round of applause. And so, Mr. Speaker, I ask for the adoption of this Resolution and also move that all Members of the House of Representatives be added as cosponsors of this Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. All Members will be added. Representative Davis moves for the adoption of House Resolution 983. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Leader Bourne, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Bourne: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Bourne: "Today, I'd like to introduce two Pages that I have joining the House Floor with me. Natalie Little and Josie Patterson from North Mac High School. I asked them if there's anything... they're Seniors. I said, 'Is there anything you want to see today in the Capitol, anything you want to do?' And their only request was a lively debate. And I said, 'Today might be the day.' So, they're challenging us to have a lively debate today. Will you please welcome them to their State Capitol?"

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Avelar, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Avelar: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Yeah, please speak your point."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have also here... and I'm honored to... in the close to two years that I've been in the General Assembly, I am honored to welcome my first Page, Alex, who is coming from Woodridge with his parents. Alex is seven, and when he grows up, he wants to be an attorney. He loves government and he's very excited to be here on the House Floor. So, I want to welcome you, Alex, and say that let's... let this not be the... let this be the first but not the last time. That's it. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Welcome, Alex. Under the Order Agreed Resolutions, we have House Resolution 1003, offered by Speaker Welch. Speaker Welch is recognized on the Resolution."

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Speaker Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the House of Representatives, I want to draw your attention to House Resolution 1003 and to a special gentleman who's on the floor right now. I rise today to honor this wonderful public servant, a man we have all come to know and love here in this chamber. We didn't get a chance to do this in April and he snuck away from us, but we got him back, at least for today. Mr. Lee Crawford. Lee started his full-time career with the House on April 1, 1986. His work began by overseeing and supervising Pages on the floor, distributing a paper copy of every Bill and Amendment considered by the House, maintained the official spindle with each Bill and Amendment, and much more. He became our elected Doorkeeper in January of 1997 when the House Democrats regained the Majority in 90th General Assembly. He was re-elected to that position for the 12 subsequent General Assemblies before announcing his retirement last May. During his time as Doorkeeper, Lee was in charge of enforcing House Rules and decorum and calming situations on the floor. And when we're here until 3, 4, 5, and yes, 6 a.m. in the morning, we naturally get a little cranky. So, Lee, thank you for keeping us all in line. He was also a smiling face and a warm hello we can always count on every day we walked into the chamber. But you know, Lee is much more than our cherished Doorkeeper, but a wonderful friend to many of us with a huge heart. He often lent a listening ear to Members and staffers who sought his counsel. And he worked in the community to collect business clothes to help financially disadvantaged people dress appropriately for job interviews. If you look at him today, just like I did

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today, I always say, can I get that suit? Can I get that tie? That's just Lee every day. Lee is everything we strive to be, and I'm so grateful to have had the chance to get to know him and hear stories about his wife, Karen, and three children and grandchildren. I'm sure you're missing that warm Texas weather today, Lee. Especially today. But we are so grateful to have you back in the Illinois House of Representatives at least one more time. And, Members, once again, let's give a warm thank you to Lee for 36 years of dedicated service. Mr. Speaker, before adoption, if any other Members would want to say anything."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Nichols is recognized."

Nichols: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say that when I first... when I first... wow... when I first came here, Lee took me around, and he didn't have to do that. He showed me where my seat was at. He talked to me about this chamber. He talked to me about many of you. But the one thing that Lee did that I think that we all should take a note, he respected this chamber. He respected this House. He loved on everybody in this room. This is indicative of who this man is every day. He never changed up who he was. He said the prayer over us. And everybody that's God-fearing in this room would understand what saying a prayer over us really means. I'd like to say, man, thank you. Thank you. My family wants to thank you. When my family came here, Lee took care of my family. He sat them behind me. And again, I was just a freshman dude in this chamber, showing up, trying to do the work of the people. What you been doing all the years you been here. I just want to say, man, thank you again for your

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hard work. You know, just... just for everything that you mean still to this day in this chamber. God bless you and enjoy your retirement. You know... and this House is a better place because of you. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morrison is recognized."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think Rep... Representative Nichols, you did an excellent job. I can't top that. Thank you, Lee, for your friendship. And again, I want to echo, I appreciate your invocations. You just... you love this state, you love the people who serve in this chamber and all the constituents that we represent. So, thank you and God bless you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Severin is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Yeah, please speak your point."

Severin: "So, when I first got here, also, like Representative Nichols talked about, that Lee took me under his wing and treated me very kindly. He didn't have to do that. And so, couple things I want to talk about is that he found out I was from Southern Illinois and there is good barbeque in Southern Illinois. So, I got smart enough to know to bring him a slab of ribs any time I was coming up when they were cooking them in my district. And so, he called me the king of the south because I brought him ribs up. And the other thing is, the whole time when he prayed, he was always praying for someone named august in this Assembly, and I could never figure out who that guy was. But I love you, brother. Appreciate you, and you're... you're my kind of guy. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative West is recognized."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must say, when I heard of your retirement, Pastor Crawford, I was devastated 'cause I didn't get closure. But I... so I'm thankful that you're back. And I'm thankful for our relationship. As many of you know, I'm a preacher as well. And every time I came into the House Floor, he would say, 'Hey, preach.' And I would say, 'Hey, preach. Hey, doc. I like that suit.' And he always could made me... made sure that I knew what my brand... what my lane should be. 'Cause one time I wore a frumpy suit, and he said, 'All right, doc.' And I knew what that meant. I knew that meant to never wear that on the House Floor again. And I thank you for how often you would correct us with grace or you would help us to go down the... like the Speaker said, when we were onery or short-tempered, you would just come and say a couple words that would help us to re... get recentered. And we're going to miss that. Sir, your legacy is going to remain on the House Floor for years to come. I love you, sir. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Scherer is recognized."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Lee and I had a special relationship because he actually lives in my district and has his church in my district. So, I've had the opportunity to go to his church. And, man, that guy can preach. We just get a little morsel of it here, but I got to hear the whole meal deal when I got to visit his church. And like so many others have said and I'm sure we could all just keep saying the same thing, we always felt like Lee had our back. He knew what we needed before we even knew what we needed, and he will be sorely missed. Thank you, Lee, for all your time and service."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly is recognized."

Lilly: "Congratulations, Mr. Crawford, Pastor Crawford, on your retirement. I, too, want to thank you for your commitment to the citizens of Illinois, as so often you prayed for us and them as we do the business of the people. Many of us didn't realize that before our day of work here that we open it with prayer. And because of you, I have never separated my faith from the work that I do for the people of Illinois. And your prayers and your thoughts put so much on the minds and hearts of all of us who have served. Your 36 years have made a difference in the lives of Illinoisans. And your prayers have touched the hearts and minds of each and every one of us. Congratulations on your retirement. Enjoy your family. And go forth and do the will of God. God bless you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lisa Hernandez is recognized."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you, Speaker. Lee, I just want to take the time to also say thank you very much for your service here. There is no doubt that you have touched all of us in one way or another. Your prayers will be missed, and I hope you continue praying for us. You are a kind, gentle man with a loving spirit that you will not be forgotten for. Thank you, again."

Speaker Evans: "Speaker Welch is recognized."

Speaker Welch: "Mr. Speaker, I would ask that every Member of this august Assembly be... be added to this Resolution, and if we could take a few moments after its adoption to take a photo in the well with Lee Crawford. I'd ask for adoption."

Speaker Evans: "All Members will be added to the Resolution. And Speaker Welch moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1003."

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All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on November 30, 2022: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is Senate Bill 2951; and approved for consideration, referred to the Order of Resolutions is House Resolution 1017."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Halpin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Halpin: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly. I just want to make sure to introduce someone that you'll be seeing a lot of next year, who's going to be replacing me in the 72nd District. Proud to have him with us today, Gregg Johnson. Just give him a little warm welcome and see him on the floor."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Brady, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Brady: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Brady: "Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if I could have your attention, I'd like to invite my wife who is here, Teri, and thank her for the many years of service in so many different ways. And so many of you know Teri from over the years. She's down today to say thank you, hello, and

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give her a big nice warm welcome to the General Assembly.
Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Manley, what reason do you seek
recognition?"

Manley: "Point of personal privilege please."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Manley: "I just want to say congratulations to Dan Brady. But I
really do sympathize with Teri at this point. She's... she's
going to have him under foot for sure. Good luck, Teri. On
another note, you know, here in Springfield, whether you're
on either... whichever side of the aisle you are from, we know
that we're only... as good as the staff that surrounds us. I
have been very lucky, blessed, grateful for my staffer
throughout the years, who is going to be leaving onto greener
pastures. She has shown me kindness and friendship and is 20
times smarter than most people I know, and she's a really
good person. And so, I want you all to wish her well. And,
Marissa Jackson-Donnell, will miss you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yang Rohr, for what reason do you
seek recognition?"

Yang Rohr: "Mr. Speaker, I have a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you. To my colleagues in the Illinois House
today, I wanted to you introduce you to two Pages we have. We
have Katie Starr, who is an eighth grader at St. Raphael's.
And we also have Luisa Flores, who is a Naperville North
graduate and a University of Illinois Springfield student.
They are Naperville residents and constituents of me and

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Senator Laura Ellman here. And I ask my colleagues to give our two Pages a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Evans: "On Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Resolution, appears House Resolution 1017, offered by Leader Harris. Leader Harris is recognized on the Resolution."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 1017 is an extension of the remote participation in voting rule until the conclusion of the 102nd General Assembly. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of... or inquiry of the Chair. Is this a... is this a voice vote or is this a recorded vote?"

Speaker Evans: "Recorded vote."

Batinick: "Okay. So, I think a lot of people are having sidebar conversations on very important... other Resolutions, like House Resolution 891, renaming the sign that says 'Memphis' on I-57 to something in the State of Illinois 'cause I-57 doesn't go to Memphis. That's not this Resolution, correct?"

Speaker Evans: "This is House Resolution 1017."

Batinick: "Okay. And 1017 is about remote voting, if you're for remote voting, correct?"

Speaker Evans: "Yes."

Batinick: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, Leader Harris moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1017. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this

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question, there are 70 voting in 'favor', 34 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. Representative Halpin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Halpin: "I just want to ask the Body to welcome a future, I think, constituent of mine, the President of Monmouth College. I think he's in the gallery somewhere, I think behind me. Anyway, please welcome Clarence Wyatt with a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Welcome to the Capitol. On page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 4073, Representative Kelly. Mike Kelly. Representative Kelly is recognized."

Kelly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 4... or House Bill 4073, Senate Amendment 4 is a gut and replace that specifies that a vacancy on the board of trustees for a public library that occurred before May 27, 2022 has not been fill... and it has not been filled by the effective date of the Bill, must be filled by the State Librarian within 60 days after the Bill becomes a law. The effective date is immediate. Currently, the Act is silent to whether it can be applied retroactively. Senate Amendment 4 clarifies that it is. HB4073 is a clarification of HB5283 in response to a vacancy to Niles-Maine District Library has had on its board of trustees. The board currently has an even split and has been unable to fill the vacancy. In attempt by the State Librarian to fill the vacancy, pursuant to Public Act 102-0977, resulted in

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litigation. HB4073 clarifies the original legislative intent and allows PA 102-0977 to apply to the Niles-Maine Library vacancy. It got voted out of Session... or out of committee unanimously, and I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any questions? We have Leader Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Batinick: "Representative, we're... we're looking through our notes here real quick. I think there was some confusion in committee with... is it just the library portion or the library and the battery-charged electric fence?"

Kelly: "Just the library portion."

Batinick: "So, it is just the library portion. For legislative intent, this Bill is supposed to do nothing with a battery-charged fence alarm?"

Kelly: "That is correct."

Batinick: "Okay. And to refresh... we just have an issue. We got a tie in a vacancy on a library board, and they can't figure stuff out. And the idea is to have the Secretary of State appoint the seventh member?"

Kelly: "That's correct."

Batinick: "Okay. Anything else we should know about this, Representative?"

Kelly: "No."

Batinick: "Thank you. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you for your time."

Kelly: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kelly to close."

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Kelly: "I'd appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House Concur in Senate Amendment #1 and Senate Amendment #4 to House Bill 4073?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? On this question, there are 104 voting 'aye', 2 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 and Senate Amendment #4 to House Bill 4073. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Clerk is in receipt of a Motion to reconsider House Bill 3908 from Representative Elik. Representative Walsh is recognized on the Motion to reconsider."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to reconsider the vote on Senate Bill 3908."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Walsh has moved to table to (sic-the) Motion by which House Bill 3908 is passed. Representative Elik is recognized."

Elik: "Thank you. I want to make sure that everyone's very clear about what this Bill is actually about. This Bill is a request by DNR to remove transparency in the government process, specifically the grant process, by reconfiguring an advisory board. That's advisory. So, this Bill is removing a chairman who DNR simply doesn't like. This is nothing but politics at its worst, and that's why I filed the Motion."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

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Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to go straight to the Motion. The reason, once again, why we did this, this advisory board is specifically what all of our departments should be looking to have. It's not advice and consent. It's an advisory board that helps decide how funds are used. And the department can either say, yes, we agree or, no, we don't agree. But this advisory board has done so much to ensure that DNR is using federal funds legally. And this is a political vendetta from the Governor's Office, from DNR against somebody who not only held... and we've had this. We've hashed this out. Not only held this Governor accountable, but the last Governor, who was a Republican, accountable. He's been a thorn in my side, but he's doing it for the right reasons. This is specifically and precisely the type of person that you want involved in government. I want to challenge the administration and DNR. If this is not a political vendetta, I would like to challenge them to reup his appointment to this new board that you're creating. I would challenge them, right now, to put him back on the board because it's exactly who you need. You need somebody who will speak their mind, who will explain why things are good or why things are bad, right? Not being afraid of political ramifications or if somebody's going to like them or dislike them. You have to hear the good and the bad of all situations. This is precisely the type of person that you want there. This is purely politics. I wish we could leave it where it's at and not have to override this Motion. In fact, I wish this Motion was never... never had to be filed in the first place. To the Sponsor, this is not personal to you. I know that you know

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that. We've had conversations. This is one of my constituents. He's a great guy. And a... unfortunately, I think you and I have been kind of put in the middle of this.. this political situation. So, I hate the fact that we're changing something in government that currently works to make it worse."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative Davidsmeyer. Returning to Representative Elik."

Elik: "Mr. Speaker, I withdraw the Motion to Reconsider."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Representative Elik has withdrawn her Motion to Reconsider. Returning to page 2 of the Calendar. Under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 347, Leader Hoffman. Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move that we concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 347. This Amendment is a initiative, initially, of Senator Crow, who now is a U.S. attorney in our area, as well as Office of the Attorney General, Madison County Child Advocacy Center, and the hospital community with significant shortages of nurses, and as a result of the COVID pandemic, as a result on hospitals unable to find enough socially trained sexual assault nurse examiners. So, this Amendment means that the hospitals will not be fined during 2023 while working to staff up to meet the requirements. It also would allow St. Louis hospitals to treat Illinois survivors until 2029. And it would implement task force charged with deeper examination of pediatric sexual assault care. I know of no opposition."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hammond, what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Hammond: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Hammond: "Thank you. Leader Hoffman, just to be clear, as we can see from the title on this... this Bill, this Bill has absolutely nothing to do with immunizations and data registry. Is that correct?"

Hoffman: "That is true. It has nothing to do with immunizations."

Hammond: "Thank you. I appreciate that. And I also appreciate the work on this. This is a... an area that we need to truly concentrate on, and I think this is a start. And we need to continue these efforts. Thank you for your Bill."

Hoffman: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 347?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 347. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 2 of the Calendar. Under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 1293, Representative LaPointe. Representative LaPointe is recognized."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the House concur Senate Floor Amendment 1 of HB1293."

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Speaker Evans: "Yeah. Please explain the Amendment."

LaPointe: "Senate Floor Amendment 1 makes minor changes to the Bill regarding Illinois' support of what the nation of Ukraine and the Ukrainian people have been going through for nearly 10 months. So, this is our Illinois response to the devastation and heart break that has been caused by Russia, that the whole world has witnessed, and that people living in Ukraine have experienced beginning in February 2022, and here we are in nearly December 2022. We can't sit back and just wait for the war in Ukraine to be over. We, in Illinois, have to do everything we can. We have to build our own toolbox to make sure we're doing our part to call out Russia and to end this war. So, this Bill in its entirety, with a few changes in the Senate, is the one of the most comprehensive state responses in the country. It is part of Illinois doing our part. And although I know that we all agree it's not enough, it is still what I call a 'must-do'. And it's so important, so I am going to just... it's been a while, 'cause we did hear this Bill in this chamber, but I'm going to walk through the basics and touch on the brief Senate changes. The Bill puts Illinois on a path to divest from Russian stocks and sovereign debt, including money in our teacher retirement system and funds that the Illinois State Board of Investments oversees. And that divestment is not only Russia, but includes Belarus. The Bill grants our Department of Human Services emergency rulemaking powers so refugee resettlement programs can best meet the needs of Ukrainians that come to Illinois. And we know that they are here and our communities are already serving them. The Bill creates a Money Laundering in Real

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Estate Task Force that's charged with assessing the exposure of residential, industrial, and commercial real estate sectors in Illinois to elicit Russian money, including real estate, not only in Chicago, but also downstate. The Bill creates an Elections and Infrastructure Integrity Task Force to evaluate foreign actor interference in recent elections and, most importantly, to make concrete recommendations in advance of our 2024 General Election here in Illinois. And then finally, the Bill requires each public institution of higher education here in Illinois to disclose to the Illinois Board of Higher Ed any endowment or other donation from a source associated with any individual or entity on the sanction's list that's currently maintained by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset Control or any company that's domiciled or has its principal place of business in Russia or Belarus. Very minor changes in the Senate. Changed the deadline for when the report for the Elections and Infrastructure Integrity Task Force would be due so it can actually be impactful in advance of our 2024 General Election. And then changes that give us and give the four Leaders of the General Assembly more flexibility to make the appointments on the two task forces in the Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Wheeler is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Wheeler: "Representative LaPointe, you and I have had a lot of discussions about this Bill and the... the intention you began with several months ago when you took appropriate action to

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help Illinois craft a real response to what happened in Ukraine, which is... just such a tragedy. I just want to, first of all, thank you for stepping up and being willing to be an excellent partner in trying to craft the best response we could do as a Body and doing it in a bipartisan way. I know it took it us like five or six Amendments, if I remember right, to get this out of the House in a way that took all the unintended consequences that we were realizing as we went through the draft over and over again. So, first of all, let me say thank you for being a great partner on actually taking up the right approach to how legislation should be accomplished. So, thank you. And at the same time, I just want to reiterate a couple very brief things. One, this doesn't change any of the underlying approach that we took as... in the House back in... it was April I believe or... that's correct, right? There's no change to the... what we're trying to do fundamentally and philosophically with this Bill, correct? With what the Senate did?"

LaPointe: "That's correct. The intent and the integrity of the Bill that originated in this chamber is maintained."

Wheeler: "Thank you. And I think that the changes the Senate did make are going to accelerate a few things to give us a better chance to take action on what those task forces bring to us. That's also correct, right?"

LaPointe: "That's correct."

Wheeler: "Okay. Well, with that, I just want to say thank you one more time and encourage the entire Body to support this measure. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Representative Wilhour is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Wilhour: "Thank you, Representative LaPointe, for bringing this.

I support your Bill, but I do have a few questions in regards to some of the stuff that we're doing here. What do you think about this... this Bill in regards to the Chinese Communist Party?"

LaPointe: "I don't have thoughts related to this Bill and the Chinese Communist Party."

Wilhour: "Okay. Well, I just wanted to bring up to this... this Body here that the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System that... that you're saying in this Bill divest from Russia is investing in Chinese equities. Did you know that?"

LaPointe: "I wasn't aware of that. And perhaps in the future, if someone feels the need to file a Bill and work the Bill, then they can do that."

Wilhour: "Great. Well, I appreciate that. And I think that you're going to get that opportunity. Just in the last year or so, the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System has allocated an additional \$200 million to Bridgewater Associates' All Weather China fund. Guys, if we're going to be divesting from Russia, we need to be divesting from China too. I'll go to the Resolution here. China... the Chinese Communist Party is a perpetual human rights violator. We're seeing that right now with their ridiculous zero-COVID policies. Chinese companies don't subject themselves to U.S. financial audits. They are required by the Chinese government, Chinese law to share their technology and intel with the Chinese military. Many companies... many of the Chinese companies use the technology

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we are funding through... you know, like the Teachers' Retirement System putting money into this to suppress political dissidence like the Uyghurs who have been subjected to genocide in China for some time now. Guys, China... or Russia is a bad actor. Nobody's... nobody's arguing that, but China's worse. I just ask that we hold China, who has, along with many in our government and many in our corporations, taken advantages of American workers for decades and they're a far more powerful adversary. We need to hold them to the same standards that we're doing here with Russia. Again, I support your Bill, and I would hope that you guys could all support some legislation that I'm going to be doing in regards to China on this same premise. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will yield."

Butler: "Representative LaPointe, thank you for bringing this Bill forward. We debated this and talked about it a lot at length in the spring. So, back to the Bill at hand. This passed unanimously in the spring in this Body. Everybody here voted for it in the spring?"

LaPointe: "Unanimous out of the House and the Senate."

Butler: "Thank you. I would urge an 'aye' vote on this. And congratulations on passing your first Bill that you presented in person in committee in your three years of service. So, congratulations."

LaPointe: "That was an honor."

Speaker Evans: "Representative LaPointe to close on the Amendment."

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LaPointe: "Thank you, Speaker. Thank you to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle for not only weighing in, but more importantly, for being a part of the process of making this the best Bill that is our way here in Illinois of doing our part. Many of us wear pins to support Ukraine. Many of us have signs in our yard or have developed pipelines of how to get signs in other people's yards. We've raised money. We've led marches. That's important. But filing a Bill, working the Bill, making it the best Bill it can be so Illinois is doing everything we can in our toolbox to call out Russia and to support the people of Ukraine is something I'm very proud of, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1293?' This final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1293. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on November 30, 2022: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 4 to Senate Bill 1794."

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Speaker Evans: "Returning to page 2 of the Calendar is a Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate Bill 1794, Representative DeLuca. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1794, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was a read second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative DeLuca, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative DeLuca on the Amendment."

DeLuca: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move to adopt Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 1794, and I can explain it on Third Reading."

Speaker Evans: "Representative DeLuca moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #4. 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 Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1794, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative DeLuca is recognized."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. Senate Bill 1794, this is the reform of the municipal utility audit process in Illinois. And Amendment 4 was... passed committee in April. There were still a few concerns out there in April, so the Bill was not called at that time. But over the summer, we've had further discussions, we worked everything out. Any opposition that existed was removed. There was a concern that was brought up recently by the Department of Revenue. We made

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a commitment to try to address any of those moving forward.

And I ask for your 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? Representative Rita is recognized."

Rita: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates that he will."

Rita: "Representative, I noticed you don't have any cosponsors to this Bill. Is there a reason why?"

DeLuca: "You, but... I did ask you, Representative, but you declined."

Rita: "You could add me."

DeLuca: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ammons is recognized."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a quick question on this?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Ammons: "Representative, can you give us the underlying purpose of this Bill just for... to remind me of what this is supposed to do?"

DeLuca: "Sure. There were... when a municipal... when a municipality conducts an audit of a public utility that collects the municipal portion of the tax, issues in the past have been raised because of some discrepancies. What this does... one of the most important things that this Bill does is it puts the responsibility on the municipality. So, when the municipality would annex property, that they must notify the public utility of that annexation. Because there were... you know, that's where the problem was being created in the past is a municipality, for example, might pass an annexation at one of their public

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meetings, at one of their city council meetings, but never formally notify the public utility. And they were utilizing that passage at the council meeting as formal notice. And it really wasn't accomplishing the goal of notifying the utility properly. So, this resolves that issue. Probably the biggest issue that this Bill accomplishes."

Ammons: "I see a portion of this Bill deals with some tax collection aspect of that. Am I reading that correctly? It mentions it's..."

DeLuca: "Sure."

Ammons: "...something about taxpayers making timely corrections and future returns. So, does a municipality have to not only notify the utility, but are they responsible for transferring any collected taxes from the municipal utility in this Bill?"

DeLuca: "Well, the... excuse me. The... the utility is collecting the tax on behalf of the municipality and then remitting it back to them. And this Bill sets some parameters on the... in the timeline of when that can be done."

Ammons: "Okay. All right. Thank you for clarifying that."

Speaker Evans: "Representative DeLuca to close."

DeLuca: "Just ask for your 'yes' vote please. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill'... excuse me... 'Senate Bill 1794 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 97 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'nay', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

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Clerk Hollman: "Committee announcement. The Executive Committee will meet at 3 p.m. in Room 118. The Executive Committee will meet at 3 p.m. in Room 118."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolution. House Resolution 1014, offered by Representative Hamilton."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Greenwood moves for the adoption of Agreed Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution are adopted. Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution. No Adjournment Resolution. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Greenwood moves that the House stands adjourned until Thursday, December 1, at the hour of 10 a.m. 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."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on November 30, 2022: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 1595 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 1698. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5852, offered by Representative Mah, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5853, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 5854, offered by Representative Stoneback, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. First Reading of these House Bills. There being no

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further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."