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Speaker Hannig: "If I could have your attention, please. If I could have your attention, please. I'm informed that there are one or two committees that are still trying to wrap up their business, that we should be able to get under way shortly, and I understand that there's also some birthday cake down here and maybe we need to investigate what the nature of that is. But I'm certain that it's available to all the Members. Representative Rutherford, could you give us your explanation on the birthday boys?"

Rutherford: "Yes, Sir, Mr. Speaker, and thank you very much. It's nice to be back here in Springfield with you and all of our colleagues and especially on a special day like this. Representative Jim Meyer is celebrating the anniversary of his birthday and there's a bunch of cake down front for the House Members."

Speaker Hannig: "The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the House will be in order. Will the Members please be in their seats. Will unauthorized personnel please retire from the Chamber. We'll be led in prayer today by Reverend Charles McGee, with O'Fallon Central Christian Church of O'Fallon. Reverend McGee is the guest of Representative Ron Stephens. Guests in the Gallery may wish to rise for the invocation. Could we have a little order, a little order for the invocation please? Reverend McGee."

Reverend McGee: "Let's pray. Oh God, gathered in this room today, will be people sent here to govern the people of this state. The decisions they make will have great impact on the lives of individuals both inside and outside Illinois. Decisions will affect the moral climate, relationships between people and the ability to exercise freedom while meeting responsibilities. No other group of people within the State of Illinois is under more pressure

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than the people who work in this building and the staff supporting them. The demands made of them by various people often conflict with each other. Those demands often are improper, if not illegal. The temptations faced by the Legislators and their staff are many and great. You know that these people are human and are no less susceptible to the pressures the rest of their fellow citizens face. Believing that wisdom is Yours to give, I ask that You give it to these people, please give it, not only for this day, but for life. Please, give them courage to do what is just and right, even when to do so may be unpopular. Please help them to set aside party loyalties when necessary in order to stand firmly for the truth. They come here as servants elected by many who would seek to be masters. Please give them discernment to know which master's voice to follow at any given time. Please guard these people against greed and help them to be compassionate to those who are hurting. May no one ever be able to justly accuse any of these people of being more concerned about themselves than about the people who have sent them. Please, help them to be patient with their constituents, with other branches of government, with the members of their staff, with each other, and with themselves. I pray You will be patient with them, too. It is written that eternal life consists in knowing You and the Son whom You have sent. It is through Him and by His name that I pray. Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "Roll Call of the... the pledge today will... we will be led by Representative Lou Lang."

Lang - 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

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for all."

Speaker Hannig: "And now, Roll Call for Attendance.
Representative Lawfer, for what reason do you rise?"

Lawfer: "Mr. Speaker, I rise for a Point of Personal Privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, state your point."

Lawfer: "I would like the group here, the General Assembly, to acknowledge that there are over 600 4-H-ers, parents, staff and volunteers in the Capitol today to share information about the 4-H Program and what it does for the youth of the State of Illinois and I... There are a group in the gallery and I would ask them to stand and I would ask that this group acknowledge the 4-H'ers, the first 4-H Legislative Conference that is being held in Springfield. Please, join me in welcoming the people to Springfield."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Cross, do you have any excused absences?"

Cross: "Yes."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, proceed."

Cross: "Representative Black, would you please mark him excused today?"

Speaker Hannig: "We will mark him excused."

Cross: "Thank you for asking."

Speaker Hannig: "And, Representative Brunsvold, do we have any excused absences? Representative..."

Brunsvold: "None, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 117 answering the Roll Call, and a quorum is present. Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise? We have four new Members among us as we gather today in October. Representative Brunsvold, would you like to introduce the new Democratic Members?"

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... with great privilege, I

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would like to introduce...reintroduce you to a former Member who has now become a Member and we like to call him a retread. Representative Jay Hoffman has returned. And replacing our good friend, Mr. Terry Deering, is Dan Ritz... excuse me, Reitz, who is now the Representative from the 116th District. Dan."

Speaker Hannig: "We also have two new Members on the Republican side of the aisle, and would Leader Daniels care to introduce these individuals to us?"

Daniels: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We're very delighted to have two new Members on this side of the aisle, who I'm sure will carry on the strong Republican principles of the State of Illinois for less government and lower taxes. We're delighted to ask you to welcome Michael J. Brown in the 63rd District, he replaces Representative Ann Hughes, who's returned to her home to run her family business. Mike Brown is married to Carolyn. They have five children, Christopher, Heather, Joseph, Suzanne and Kathy, and five grandchildren. Mike Brown lives in Crystal Lake, Illinois, and welcome aboard, Representative Brown. The next Gentleman that has joined us, replacing Representative Weaver, who has gone on to serve us in another area of government, is from the 106th District, Dale A. Righter, is married to Teresa Righter. They have two children, Jonathan and Benjamin. He's a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, which is a nice area to graduate from, since that is in the legislative district. He's a graduate of St. Louis University School of Law. We're very delighted to have Dale Righter, Representative Righter, join us. Will you please welcome him?"

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Turnhouse... Tenhouse is

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recognized."

Tenhouse: "Tenhouse, Turnhouse, I answer to any of them."

Speaker Hannig: "Excuse me, Representative Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We would request an immediate Republican Conference in Room 118."

Speaker Hannig: "And can you advise us how long you will need?"

Tenhouse: "We will plan on getting our business over in 45 minutes."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, there will be an immediate Republican Caucus in Room 118. And so, allowing Perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House will stand in recess until the hour of 2:15."

Clerk Rossi: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Julie Curry, Chairman from the Committee on State Government, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on October 23, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass short debate' House Bill 2328 and House Bill 2348; 'do pass as amended short debate' House Bill 2323, House Bill 2324, House Bill 2325, House Bill 2329 and House Bill 2342; 'do pass standard debate' House Bill 2322, House Bill 2340, House Bill 2341, House Bill 2343, House Bill 2344, House Bill 2347, House Bill 2351, House Bill 2352, House Bill 2353; 'do pass as amended short debate' House Bill 2321; and 'be adopted' House Resolution 227. Representative Judy Erwin, Chairman from the Committee on Higher Education, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on October 28, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass as amended short debate' House Bill 2364. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairman

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from the Committee on Rules, to which the following Bills, Amendments and Motions were referred, action taken on October 28, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendations: to Second Reading, House Bill 1685, approved for consideration, Compliance Motion #1 to House Bill 345, Motion #1 to House Bill 382, Motion #1 to House Bill 581, and Motion #1 to House Bill 767. Representative Shirley Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities, to which the following Bill was referred, action taken on October 28, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass short debate' House Bill 2331. Representative Frank Mautino, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations Public Safety, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on October 28, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass short debate' House Bill 2350; 'do pass standard debate' House Bill 2339. Representative Eugene Moore, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on October 28, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass short debate' House Bill 2262; 'do pass as amended short debate' House Bill 2333 and House Bill 2363. Committee Reports, Representative Eugene Moore, Chairman from the Committee on Revenue, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on October 28, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass short debate' House Bill 2362; 'do pass as amended short debate' House Bill 2333 and House Bill 2363. Representative Tom Dart, Chairman from the Committee on Jud I, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on October 28, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass

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short debate' House Bill 2359, and 'do pass standard debate' House Bill 2332. Representative Jeff Schoenberg, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations General Services, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on October 28, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass short standard debate' House Bill 2338 and House Bill 2349."

Speaker Hannig: "The House will be in order. The Members will be in their seats. Would all unauthorized personnel please retire from the chamber? The Clerk has an announcement."

Clerk Rossi: "Supplemental Calendars 1 and 2 are being distributed."

Speaker Hannig: "It is the intention of the Chair to do some Total Veto Motions, some Amendatory Veto Motions, move some Bills from Second to Third, and then to adjourn on a Death Resolution for a Member. And on the Order of Total Veto Motions, House Bill 221. Representative Capparelli. Okay, the Gentleman's not in the chamber. Representative Capparelli, do you wish to call House Bill 221 for an override? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Capparelli."

Capparelli: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 221 was a Bill that created a Bill for license plates for police and firemen who were killed in the line of duty. I talked to the Secretary of State and he didn't oppose it. It got a 117 votes and I would ask for an override on House Bill 221."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, Representative Cross is recognized."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a few questions?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

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Cross: "Representative, can you explain to us or maybe enlighten us as to why the Veto took place? Are you aware of what happened or what the Governor said?"

Capparelli: "What did you say there? The Governor said what?"

Cross: "Why did he veto it?"

Capparelli: "Oh, I don't know, he hasn't called me on it. He vetoed it I presume because... well, he won't lose any money because in there is going to be an increase in fees for these license plates. So, it wouldn't cost the state any money, so I don't know why he would oppose it."

Cross: "So, you're saying he did not call you and tell you why he vetoed it?"

Capparelli: "No, he did not."

Cross: "Do you know if he called anyone, explained to them why they vetoed..."

Capparelli: "I have no... I have no idea."

Cross: "All right, I have a couple of other questions if you can hang on one second, I'm trying to read through the Bill."

Capparelli: "Okay."

Cross: "Can you... you mentioned fees a minute ago, Representative. How much... what kind of fees will be incurred if we override the Veto on this Bill?"

Capparelli: "That would be up to the Secretary of State. The increase in the fee would offset the cost, but we leave that to the Secretary of State."

Cross: "Has the Secretary of State's office provided the fee cost in the event this Bill passes or is overridden?"

Capparelli: "No, I really don't know. This Bill was a Bill that Roger McAuliffe had a couple of years ago and this is only for a few policemen that get killed in the line of duty, firemen or policemen. It wouldn't be a great amount of license plates and it wouldn't cost that much money."

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Cross: "I just want to make sure I am reading this correctly from our analysis that... is the \$15 fee your understanding, Ralph?"

Capparelli: "I don't have that. No, I don't have that."

Cross: "I'm just reading that it adds that there's an additional \$15 fee for the original issuance and an additional \$2 fee for renewal to be applied in addition to the appropriate registration fee."

Capparelli: "If that's the cost that he... would assume, I presume that it's it and I'd go along with it."

Cross: "Do you know how many plates we would end up with if, in fact, this Bill ultimately becomes law?"

Capparelli: "Well, I understand last year there were only about 10 policemen throughout the state were killed in the line of duty."

Cross: "I guess I asked that wrong. If we approve this plate, how many plates will that give us in all, different types of plates throughout the state? That's my last question."

Capparelli: "I have no idea."

Cross: "All right, I don't have any other questions. Thanks."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise in support of 221. It was a Bill that is very near and dear to me and my father and also with the Cosponsor, Representative Capparelli, and I would like to just make a Motion that we support this issue that's very near and dear to all the policemen and firefighters in my district and across the whole State of Illinois."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

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Parke: "Representative Capparelli, I understand that the Governor not only vetoed House Bill 221, but also House Bill 1105, House Bill 1210 and House Bill 548, which were all special license plates. I have a letter in my hand from one of my acting Chief of Police in one of my communities who says, 'Please, support the Governor's Veto.' Why would law enforcement officers be asking for us to sustain the Governor's Veto? What is in this legislation or what is the perception here that says that this should not actually be the law of the land?"

Capparelli: "I understand, there are 200...I just got it, 225 license plates out there now of different types. How many policemen get killed? How many will be issued are insignificant amount? There are 225 different license plates. One more license plate ain't going to change the attitude or the difference in the State of Illinois."

Parke: "Well, I guess I understand your point of view. This is something that you want, but maybe... the problem is, is that law enforcement officers are having problems distinguishing what plate is what or having difficulty with all the types of plates to actually check in and finding out who is the person actually driving this car. And if they have five, number five plates, they have to get real close maybe, to tell whether or not it is a surviving police officer, whether it's a Gold Star license plate, whether it's a Silver Star license plate, whether it's a village manager, or village president's license plate. Maybe that's creating problems and putting our law enforcement officers in danger of not being able to, right away, when they pulled somebody over or are going to pull somebody over to tell what's going on. I think that might be the concern. You have not looked at the Governor's

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Veto. Perhaps, you can check with your staff and ask them what the Governor's Veto is on this. I'm concerned that you... we understand your concern. We... we think the concept is a good one, but there's a reason why the Governor vetoed this, and I think it's only fair to the Body for all of us, to cast an intelligent vote on sustaining his Veto or overriding it, and that's all I'm saying is that..."

Capparelli: "Well, Representative Parke, you were one of the persons that voted for this Bill last year. There was 117 'aye' votes. Have you changed your mind since last year on this Bill? I mean..."

Parke: "Well, Representative, the Governor's vetoed this Bill. There's a reason for that."

Capparelli: "Yeah, well, but I thought you had the oversight to know that it was a good Bill..."

Parke: "Whether I voted for it or not, is irrelevant."

Capparelli: "Yeah, but you did vote for it."

Parke: "Yes, Sir."

Capparelli: "Right, so I would ask for your... I would ask for your vote again."

Parke: "Now, maybe there's some rationale..."

Capparelli: "I would ask for your vote once more."

Parke: "...that says maybe we should take another look at it."

Speaker Hannig: "Could we have a dialogue where we ask questions and answer questions between the Gentlemen? We can't both talk at the same time. So, Representative Parke, you have the Floor."

Parke: "I guess my concern, Representative Capparelli, is I think the intent of what you're trying to do is a good one. I would like to vote for it again, but I want to know why the Governor vetoed it. Could you pull this from the record

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and just let us take a look at the Veto? I don't have his Veto with me. Maybe somebody's staff so then, I can share with the Body what the Veto is and then 5 minutes, 10 minutes later we can call it again and then everybody will understand the reason."

Capparelli: "I would ask for a roll call on it because it did get 117 votes and I think this is one way that we can really help our police officers by really showing them that we do care when they've died in the line of duty, and I would ask for a favorable call."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Gentleman's Motion. You know, I think we're all concerned about the importance of the problems that law enforcement has. That's why Illinois has two license plates instead of one like other states, because law enforcement needs those different views on the car. And I agree that we have a proliferation of plates, however, the proliferation came before this Bill and it came before the other Bills and if somebody is interested in sitting down and figuring out how to deal with the problems of law enforcement, relative to the different kinds of license plates we have, we ought to go ahead and do that. But in the meantime, we have several different types of license plates. I don't think this one additional license plate is going to add to that difficulty very much, and I think the cause is a good one. Accordingly, I think we should vote for the Gentleman's Motion."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Capparelli to close."

Capparelli: "Thank you, I just ask for a favorable roll call for the policemen of this state. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 221 pass the

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Veto of the Governor notwithstanding?' This Motion requires 71 votes. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'no', and this Bill, having received the required Three-fifths Majority, the Motion to override prevails and House Bill 221 is declared passed, notwithstanding the Governor's Veto. We think we have that electrical problem cleared up, and so proceeding on House Calendar, House Bill 522. Representative Bugielski, 522. Out of the record. House Bill 1105, Representative Mitchell. Please, proceed."

Mitchell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1105, again, is a license plate Bill, and, basically, this Bill got tied up with a series of Bills and the same explanation given for all of them. However, this plate doesn't even require a new design. As we look at this Bill, it's for a Silver Star Medal winner. We already have the plate design for both the Gold Star and the Bronze Star. A constituent in my district who, is a recipient of the Silver Star, brought it to my attention that the Silver Star was left out when those plates were made way back when. So, in this case, it's not a new design, it's not another plate that state police have to look at because it's exactly the same, but only a different metal on the plate rather than the gold or the silver. Again, this is in recognition of a small group of men that gave, sometimes, their life, but gave a lot of heroism to us so that we could live in a free nation. I would plead with the Body to vote 'yes' for this Bill, override the Veto and send this Bill to the Senate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, Representative Stephens is recognized."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to rise in support of the Bill and to make sure that the Members understand. We have a Bronze Star plate. A Silver Star is certainly a greater award than the Bronze Star. A Silver Star is oftentimes given for those who are nominated for the Medal of Honor but for some reason, are not granted that highest honor of the Medal of Honor, would then be reduced to the Silver Star. It is only appropriate that we correct this mistake that we've made in the past. I urge your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? There being no further discussion, Representative Mitchell to close."

Mitchell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the Representative's support of the Bill. It's a good Bill. It really doesn't change anything other than the fact that it just honors a few more men that gave so much to us. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mitchell has moved for the override of House Bill 1105. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1105 pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding?' This Motion requires 71 votes and this is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Representative Carol Ronen indicates she wishes to vote 'yes', Mr. Clerk, and is apparently having trouble with her switch. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'no'. This Motion, having received the required Three-fifths Majority, the Motion to override prevails and House Bill 1105 is declared

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passed, notwithstanding the Veto of the Governor. House Bill 1210, Representative Meyer. Please, proceed."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1210 deals with the Gold Star Plate. It had been referred to in previous debate, but if I could just go through the rationale for this Bill. The Gold Star Plate is awarded to the parent of... currently, the parent of a soldier who is killed while in service of their country. That plate is already provided for. The parent already has a plate. The Bill that is before you that the Governor vetoed does only one thing, it allows that in case of death of the parent, that a sibling, a brother or sister of that soldier that was killed during military service, be able to pick up that plate and to show it or display it on the vehicle. It doesn't create additional plates. It only allows for the memory of that fallen soldier to be continued on by a sibling and I would ask for a favorable vote on it. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1210 pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding?' This Motion requires 71 votes. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open and this is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Ryder indicates that he wishes to vote 'aye'. Mr. Clerk, Representative Ryder wishes to vote 'aye'. And Representative Tim Johnson requests to vote 'aye'. Maybe we could have the electrician look at those switches. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no', and this Motion, having received the required Three-Fifths majority,

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the Motion to override prevails, and House Bill 1210 is declared passed notwithstanding the Governor's Veto. House Bill 1347, Representative Tenhouse. Please, proceed."

Tenhouse: "Thank you, Mr Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1347 was a Bill that passed out of here with overwhelming support. Creates the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act. Provides that employers of full-time law enforcement and firefighters who are killed or disabled in the line of duty, shall continue health benefits for the officer or fire fighter and the spouse and children, thereof. Requires the state to waive educational costs for the children of officers and firefighters at state supported educational institutions. I'm seeking total override of the Governor's Veto, and I stand ready to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "We've had a request from a Member that there be no smoking in the Chamber and that applies to all areas of the House Chamber, so we wish to ask Members who need to smoke, to go somewhere off the House Floor to engage in that activity. On House Bill 1347, is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1347 pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding?' The Motion requires 71 votes. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open and this is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'no'. This Motion, having received the required Three-fifths Majority, the Motion to override prevails, and House Bill 1347 is declared passed, notwithstanding the Governor's Veto. House Bill 1840, Representative Stephens. Please, proceed."

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Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the Governor got some bad advice on this one. This Bill passed with 96 votes here in this Chamber. The Governor says that he vetoed it because he thinks it is an expansion of gambling. And I'll tell you, all that it does, in the Pull Tab Act, Pull Tab and Jar Games Act, for those fraternal and other organizations that use this method of fund-raising, it raised the limits from a dollar to \$2 for a ticket. Raised the overall daily limit to \$5 thousand, a very minimal amount. For the Governor's office to say that that increases or expands gambling in Illinois, is like saying when the lotto goes up to 10 million, that that's an expansion of gambling in Illinois. Nothing could be further from the truth. No more tickets will be sold, no more expenses will be incurred, no more gaming will be done. Simply means that fraternal organizations, VFWs, church groups that use this method of fund-raising, will be allowed to make a little bit more profit. That's what it means, so if you support those church groups and VFWs and other fraternal organizations back home, you'll want to vote 'yes' and override the Governor. If you want to be paranoid about gaming, you'll probably want to vote 'no'. I urge your support."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

Parke: "Representative, in the northwest suburban area about a week ago, there was a hearing on a Bill that I thought had something to do with this. Does this affect bingo licenses at all or the Las Vegas Nights licensing at all?"

Stephens: "No, Representative, it does not. The answer to your

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question is, no."

Parke: "So, this only deals with pull tab prize levels?"

Stephens: "That's correct, Representative."

Parke: "Is there any other game of chance that this is included in? It says a pull tab and a jar game. Are those only the two things that we're talking about here?"

Stephens: "That's my understanding of the Bill, Representative. Yes."

Parke: "So, does this expand gambling in your concept? Will more people play the game now because of your legislation?"

Stephens: "This does not increase gaming by one iota in Illinois. It is absolutely not an expansion of gambling."

Parke: "So, what you want to do is allow them a greater access to a profit for those groups that run these events?"

Stephens: "This increase would not even keep up with the rate of inflation since the original Act passed."

Parke: "Is this the only change since the original Act has passed?"

Stephens: "Yes."

Parke: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman (sic-Speaker). Mr. Chairman, this is not some huge expansion of gambling in the State of Illinois. This is just barely keeping up the pace with our fraternal organizations and our veterans' groups. When we have a \$2 lottery ticket instead of a \$1 lottery ticket, nobody even bats an eye. I think we're being very unfair to our veterans' organizations and our churches and our fraternal groups on not passing this, and I would urge an 'aye' vote on this from my colleagues. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Stephens to close."

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Stephens: "To make sure that everyone understands, this is just to help the local fraternal and volunteer organizations back home, the VFWs, the Knights of Columbus, those sort of groups. The church groups and fraternal organizations back in your districts and it is absolutely not as the Governor's office contends, an expansion of gaming. I urge your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1840 pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding?' This Motion requires 71 votes. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 63 voting 'yes' and 53 voting 'no', and this Motion fails. On Supplemental Calendar #2, on the Order of Amendatory Veto Motions that were approved by the Rules Committee, is House Bill 345. Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 35 (sic-345), I'd like to move to accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto. The Governor suggests moving the effective date to January of 1998 and the FOP in the City of Chicago are in favor of this such change."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative McAuliffe, the Parliamentarian informs us that this requires 71 votes. And on that question, Representative Parke."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

Parke: "Representative McAuliffe, what was the reason for the Governor's Total Veto of this Bill, oh no, Amendatory Veto? What did he amend in the Bill?"

McAuliffe: "The Amendment is going to change the effective date

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so it would work with the Fraternal Order of Police in the City of Chicago and the bargaining unit that they have."

Parke: "So, in essence, the original Bill left out the effective date? And you're going to correct then, this Bill... this Amendatory Veto corrects that?"

McAuliffe: "Correct."

Parke: "What was the vote count on this when it passed the House, originally?"

McAuliffe: "One hundred fourteen to nothing."

Parke: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Representative McAuliffe to close."

McAuliffe: "I just ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall the House accept the Governor's specific recommendation for change with respect to House Bill 345?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. This is final action. This Bill requires 71 votes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. This Motion, having received the required Three-fifths Constitutional Majority, the House accepts the Governor's specific recommendation for change regarding House Bill 345, and this Bill is declared passed. House Bill 382, Representative Roskam."

Roskam: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise to accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto of House Bill 382. This, you will recall, is the ban on the procedure known as partial birth abortions. If I can just briefly explain the Governor's Amendatory Veto. He took a technical change and removed the ability of the biological father to bring a civil action against the defendant

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abortionist. I support that measure and urge your support, as well. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, Representative Barbara Currie is recognized."

Currie, B: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. The Governor's Amendment may have made a very marginal change in the Bill for marginally the better, but it didn't do anything to solve the underlying problem with this measure, and that is that it is flatly Unconstitutional. Under Roe v. Wade Supreme Court opinions, beyond that time, it is clear that we may not choose to interfere with abortion rights if that interference will pose risks to the life and the health of the mother. Accepting this Amendatory Veto would put this Assembly on record as saying, it is all right to put the health and the life of the mother at risk. It is banning a procedure that is ill-defined, that will make it difficult for doctors to figure out what's in and what's out. Finally, of course, it's worth remembering, that there is no doctor in the State of Illinois today who performs the particular procedure that seems, although not very clearly, seems to be at stake in this measure. I would urge your 'no' votes if you believe that Constitutional protections for the health of all the women in the State of Illinois should be our highest priority. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Well, I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, state your inquiry, Representative."

Parke: "You have not stated what the required number of votes is to accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto. What is that?"

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Parke. The

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Parliamentarian informs me this requires 71 votes."

Parke: "Is that any different than anything else? Why would that... why are you requiring 71 votes on this? What is the ruling of the Parliamentarian?"

Speaker Hannig: "We'll have the Parliamentarian explain the requirement in just a second, Representative Parke. Would you like to proceed with questions?"

Parke: "Thank you. If the Sponsor will yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, he indicates he will."

Parke: "Representative, previous speaker said that she was opposed to this Bill for some reasons about the life of the mother being in jeopardy. Do you perceive this Bill to be based on that concept?"

McAuliffe: "Absolutely not, Representative. This Bill has clear language which makes the life of the mother an exception."

Parke: "And is there... are you concerned about the argument about Constitutionality?"

McAuliffe: "Well, I'm concerned about any challenge to the Constitutionality of a Bill. Let me say this, that the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade, made it very clear in its footnotes, that the procedure known as partial birth abortion, that is not the procedure that was described in the footnote, but it was specifically exempted from the Roe decision. These types of issues are going to be battled out in the courts. I would urge the Body to vote 'aye'. I'm sure somebody's going to move for an injunction promptly, and then let's let the courts battle it out. I'm confident, however, that this is a Constitutional measure."

Parke: "Hasn't this Bill, on a federal level, passed both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives?"

McAuliffe: "Yes, it has."

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Parke: "Thank you. To the Amendatory Veto. I would certainly rise in support of accepting the Governor's Amendatory Veto. The Sponsor has worked hard on this. I think it achieves what the majority of the citizens would want in public policy, and I rise and support of."

Speaker Hannig: "And, Representative Parke, the Parliamentarian is going to explain his ruling."

Parliamentarian Kasper: "Representative, this Bill provides that it will become effective 60 days after becoming law. Because that is prior to June 1st of 1998, under any circumstances, considering the Constitutional restrictions, on consideration of this Motion, the Bill would be passed after June 1st of this calendar year, thereby requiring a super majority vote. And that is pursuant to Section 10 of Article IV of the Constitution which, as you know, provides that any Bill passed after June 1st of a calendar year, has an effective date prior to June 1st of the following calendar year, requires a super majority vote. And the Supreme Court has specifically ruled that acceptance of an Amendatory Veto is the act upon which passage occurs."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Parke, do you have other questions?"

Parke: "Just a further inquiry. It's my understanding that this Bill passed April 11th of 1997. And I'm not sure that that applies."

Parliamentarian Kasper: "In response to that inquiry, I would direct, Representative, your attention to the Supreme Court cases of Mulligan v. Joliet Regional Airport Authority and People ex rel. Klingler v. Howlett, which specifically addressed a question of a Bill passed prior to the Constitutional limitation, an Amendatory Veto being applied and the Supreme Court in both of those cases specifically

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ruled that the passage occurred for purposes of the effective date provision upon the acceptance of the Amendatory Veto, rather than on the original passage."

Parke: "Okay, so, that's the ruling of the Chair then, the Parliamentarian based on that court case?"

Parliamentarian: "That's correct. And, Representative, I'm having circulated a written explanation that may help answer your question, as well."

Parke: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Governor's Veto or Amendatory Veto, did nothing to change the problems with this Bill. It has major flaws. The court has ruled in states where bans are unconstitutional that they were overbroad, vague definitions of the ban procedure, that the ban applies to abortions performed both after... before and after fetal viability, and the ban includes no exception to protect the health of the woman. Now, some people in this Body did not vote for the Bill that was sponsored that would have become law that included the health of the woman. And in direct questioning upon this Bill, the Sponsor openly admitted that this Bill was guaranteed for a lawsuit, not necessarily to prohibit the procedure. It seems strange to me when these lawsuits cost the state somewhere between 300 and \$600,000 and when we're in a time when we're fighting for money for education, day care, and other things that would directly impact children, I do not understand how we can present a Bill and go for its passage still, when it will be a lawsuit. In the states where Bills like this have passed, they already have either permanent or temporary injunctions, and the taxpayers' dollars will once again go to back a Bill that is going to

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be a lawsuit rather than something that will protect supposedly a fetus that isn't born yet when this law is already the law of the land. This Bill is still Unconstitutional. The Governor's Amendatory Veto did nothing to change that. It has always been very vague. Its terms would allow abortion anytime and it is really a bad Bill that is guaranteed to cost the taxpayers of Illinois, once again, money. It seems encouraging to me that we always look how to save money for the taxpayers, but when it comes to this political issue, we go ahead and constantly pass Bills like this that we know will only be a lawsuit, that will only cost the taxpayers money and that are not guaranteed to do what the Sponsors claim that they will do. It certainly does not do what the statement in the Bill says. All it does is cost us, as taxpayers here in Illinois, additional money for something that will never be a law, it will only be a lawsuit. And the ultimate goal of this lawsuit is to wind its way up to the Supreme Court and basically, change where we're going with abortion here in this country. Now, none of us are overly fond of abortion, believe me. What we want is a choice and we want less government interference in decisions that are strictly private and personal between women and their doctors. Quite frankly, decisions in this type of a procedure are so profoundly personal and are such a wanted child, that I don't see how someone can say that the health of the mother is not important. As for me, if it were my daughter-in-law, who either had children and would be losing her life or postponing her health or her fertility without children, I would personally be very upset having passed a law such as this in Illinois, it will even going to become a law. But the fact of the matter is, it never

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will be a law. It is just to string out a whole bunch of voters on votes to guarantee primary elections and to cost the taxpayers of Illinois money from the supposedly 'let's not raise taxes' crowd."

Speaker Hannig: "And on this question, the Lady from Cook, Representative Ronen."

Ronen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise in very strong opposition to this Bill. The appropriate vote is to vote 'no'. The underlying Bill, as we debated last year, was a bad, bad Bill. It was Unconstitutional, it was harmful and dangerous to women's health. The changes that the Governor made are insignificant and don't really address the underlying flaws that were inherent in this Bill. And the underlying problem here is that there are no protection for a woman's health. These are not decisions that we should be talking about in government. These are decisions that should be made by doctors, not by politicians. We don't need to be meddling in this, and if we're concerned about women's health care, if we're concerned about the Constitution, if we're concerned about having appropriate roles for State Government, the only way to vote on this Bill is to vote 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Roskam to close."

Roskam: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill has been debated over and over again. In summary, this is an abhorrent procedure that has no place in Illinois. It's a procedure where a baby on the verge of being born into this world, is isolated, scissors are jammed into the back of its head and its brains are sucked out. I would ask that you would join with the 18 thousand members of the Illinois State Medical Society and the overwhelming majority of Illinois citizens to say 'no' to

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this procedure and to vote 'yes' on this Motion. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall the House accept the Governor's specific recommendation for change with respect to House Bill 382?' All in favor of the Motion vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. This is final action and this requires 71 votes. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 78 voting 'yes'; and 36 voting 'no'. The Motion, having received the required Three-fifths Constitutional Majority, the House accepts the Governor's specific recommendation for change, regarding House Bill 382, and this Bill is declared passed. Representative Morrow, for what purpose do you rise?"

Morrow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I know that since we adjourned last May that we've had a lot of new Members join us. If it's the will of the Chair, since a lot of us have not met some of the new Members yet, will all the new Members to the General Assembly please stand up so we can see your face. Not you, Cross and Parke, we know your face too well. But we'd like to know some of who... some of the new Members are so in case that their walking around hitting somebody's button, we won't slap their hands."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you. And on House Bill 581, Representative Leitch. Would you like to proceed with your Amendatory Veto? Representative Leitch. House Bill 581. Representative Leitch. The Rules Committee..."

Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to move to accept the Amendatory Veto."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, and we're prepared to do that. Would you

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like to explain to the Body, why?"

Leitch: "I'm on the telephone and I don't have my file here. It's an important Bill. The controversial piece was taken out as was the agreement and so, I just ask the Members to let this fly."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 581. Is there any discussion? Representative Leitch, you're doing very well. Would you like to close?"

Leitch: "Thanks for your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Hannig: "This requires 71 votes. The question is, 'Shall the House accept the Governor's specific recommendation for change with respect to House Bill 581?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open and this is final passage. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes' and 11 voting 'no'. This Motion, having received the Three-fifths required Constitutional Majority, the House accepts the Governor's specific recommendation for change in House Bill 581, and this Bill is declared passed. House Bill 767, Representative Novak."

Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move that we accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto on House Bill 767. Seven sixty-seven was an initiative of the National Solid Waste Management Association. It was concerned with the results of an Illinois court ruling that local government approval is applicant specific and location specific. There was numerous negotiations between the parties. The Bill was amended twice in the House, it passed overwhelmingly, and the Governor's Amendatory Veto just made a few changes dealing with granting the EPA more authority on checking

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out backgrounds, and actually reputations of businesses that have... would come along and buy a landfill and it also made it apply to waste transfer stations, waste treatment facilities and waste incinerators or any waste transportation operation. So, those changes... or the Bill that we passed, some of the objections by the Governor were put in there... that were in there, were inadvertently included in there and there was no bad intentions. So, I ask my colleagues to accept the Amendatory Veto of the Governor on House Bill 767."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, Representative Cross is recognized."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the fine Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

Cross: "I like your tie, Representative."

Novak: "Thank you."

Cross: "Seems appropriate that you wear that tie today."

Novak: "I bought it in East St. Louis."

Cross: "They're known for their ties. Fine ties and fine colognes. Representative, is there any... are you aware of any opposition as, we sit here today, that's out there as a result of this Veto, Amendatory Veto?"

Novak: "Representative Cross, to my knowledge, no. The language that the Governor included strengthens the EPA's authority with respect to transferring of facilities to subsequent new owners."

Cross: "Representative, what shop, specifically, in East St. Louis? Where did you purchase that tie?"

Novak: "It was an entertainment facility."

Cross: "Entertainment facility. Is it a pretty nice entertainment facility?"

Novak: "Yes, you were there."

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Cross: "I don't remember purchasing a tie with you."

Novak: "Well, I..."

Cross: "Are there any new Representatives here today that were with us?"

Novak: "My memory fails me. I think there was a number of other ones. I don't think they could afford to buy this tie though."

Cross: "I'm sure they couldn't. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? This Motion will require 71 votes. Representative Novak to close."

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I simply ask my colleagues to accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto on House Bill 767."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall the House accept the Governor's specific recommendation for change with respect to House Bill 767?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open and this is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', and 2 voting 'no'. And this Motion, having received the required Three-fifths Constitutional Majority, the House accepts the Governor's specific recommendation for change regarding House Bill 767, and this Bill is declared passed. On Supplemental Calendar #1, on the Order of Second Reading, appears House Bill 2322. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2322, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Insurance Code. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments, no Floor Amendments, no Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any Amendments? No Amendments. Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 2323."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2323, a Bill for an Act concerning campaign reform. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed, no Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. House Bill 2324. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2324, a Bill for an Act concerning governmental ethics. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed, no Floor Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. House Bill 2328. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2328, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Pension Code. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments, no Floor Amendments, no Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 2329."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2329, a Bill for an Act amending the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments. A Fiscal Note has been requested on the Bill and the note has not been filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay, so, hold that on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 2348."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2348, a Bill for an Act to amend the General Obligation Bond Act. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments, no Floor Amendments, no Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 1685. Let's take this Bill out of the record. Representative

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Morrow, for what purpose do you rise?"

Morrow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise on a Point of Personal Privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Morrow: "I'd like the Body to recognize the Grade School, St. Columbanus, which is in my district, they're in the Gallery to the right of us here. Why don't we give the students of St. Columbanus a warm welcome."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 2331."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2331, a Bill for an Act amending the Public Utilities Act. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments, no Floor Amendments, no Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third... Okay, Mr. Clerk, let's hold this on Second Reading. Representative Hartke is recognized to make a Motion regarding House Bill 2320. A Motion to suspend the posting requirements."

Hartke: "I move that House Bill 2320 posting requirements be waived so that it can be heard in committee tomorrow."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Representative Parke."

Parke: "Will the Sponsor yield to this Motion?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he will."

Parke: "Yeah, who on our side did you talk to about doing this?"

Hartke: "I had asked the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Murphy, to check with the Vice-chairman over there to discuss it with him. I did talk to Pat Stevens with the Pensions Law Commission. This piece of legislation is a cleanup language that, if you recall, we passed some pension language about the system that required 35 years of payment into the pension system when actually 34 years, 4 months was the maximum time required to cover the pension

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requirements. This piece of language is in 2320 just to clean that up."

Parke: "Well, Representative, could you do... I'm trying to find out if our side thinks this is a good idea. And could you pull this Motion for a couple of minutes until our staff checks on this?"

Hartke: "Sure. I have no problem with that at all."

Parke: "All right, thank you."

Hartke: "Mr. Speaker, let's take it out of the record, momentarily."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Out of the record. Representative Winters is recognized for a Motion. Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I make a Motion to reconsider the vote on House Bill 1840."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? The Gentleman has moved that we reconsider the vote on House Bill 1840. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk. Okay. Hang on, we've got some questions, and on that question, Representative Lang is recognized."

Lang: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know whether I want to vote for this or not. Is this... this is a Bill we voted on today. Will the Sponsor yield? Or the Sponsor... the mover..."

Speaker Hannig: "The Sponsor of the Motion will yield."

Lang: "Who am I talking to? Raise your hand."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Winters."

Lang: "Raise your hand. Oh, there you are."

Winters: "I'm sorry. What was the question?"

Lang: "We voted on this today, already?"

Winters: "I believe so."

Lang: "And, this was a Total Veto that we overrode or...?"

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Winters: "There was a lot of..."

Lang: "Oh, it was a Total Veto that we didn't get 71 on, is that correct?"

Winters: "There was lot of confusion on the Bill, that's why I asked to reconsider."

Lang: "All right, I'll support your Motion, Sir."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any other discussion? Okay, so the question is, 'Shall the vote by which House Bill 1840 be reconsidered?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? This requires 60 votes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk...Representative Hartke, 'aye'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 78 voting 'yes' and 35 voting 'no', and the Motion is reconsidered. And on House Bill 1840, under the Order of Total Vetoes, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I'll let Representative Winters handle this Bill. I think we should just duplicate the vote that we had for reconsideration and I would certainly appreciate that and I would be glad to respond to any questions. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "And on the question of overriding the Governor's Veto on House Bill 1840, is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1840 pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open and this requires 71 votes. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 74 voting 'yes' and 38 voting 'no'. This Motion, having received the required Three-fifths Majority, the

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Motion to override prevails and House Bill 1840 is declared passed, notwithstanding the Governor's Veto. Representative Hartke, have you had a chance to clarify your Motion to suspend the rule?"

Hartke: "Yes, we have, Mr. Speaker, and I have agreed with my counterparts that we will be holding it... putting it through the Pensions Law Commission as per your request and in tradition here so, hopefully, when we come back here in November, we'll run this thing through. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Representative Hartke moves that the House suspend the Rule for posting on House Bill 2320. I'm sorry, Representative Hartke withdraws his Motion to suspend the Rule. ... prepared to do the Death Resolution for Representative Deering, so would all Members please give us your attention? Take your seat and give us the respect that the former Member's memory deserves. Mr. Clerk, would you please read the Death Resolution?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Joint Resolution #35, offered by Speaker Madigan and all Members of the General Assembly."

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of their friend, Representative Terry Deering of DuBois, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Terry Deering was born on November 7, 1958; he was a lifetime resident of Washington County; and he went to Nashville Community High School; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Terry Deering married Reita Peradotta; together they had three lovely children: Greyson,

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Clayton, and Allyssa; and

WHEREAS, People who knew Terry Deering knew that he was a Southern Illinoisan through and through; it was no surprise when he joined many other young men in the 1970's and went to work in the coal mines; as a result, he learned early in life about the importance of coal to the economy of Southern Illinois; it was a lesson he never forgot; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Terry also respected the value of public service; he was only twenty years old when he was elected to his very first office, Trustee for the Village of DuBois; one year later, Terry became Mayor; for the next twelve years he earned the respect of his community by fighting for its interests, and never forgetting the people who elected him; and

WHEREAS, When Terry made the decision to run for State Representative in 1990, none of the "political experts" gave him much of a chance of winning; Terry was such a long shot that the party leaders gave him only \$800 to help with his campaign; but Terry prevailed by bringing his trademark commitment and dedication to that campaign; he relentlessly traveled from door-to-door, and got his votes the old fashioned way, he earned every single one; and

WHEREAS, On election night, the people in Springfield did not know that Terry had won his seat; when they learned of his shocking victory, they realized that they did not have his phone number so they could call to congratulate him; but they did find him, congratulated him, and were faced with his wicked sense of humor when he asked, with a straight face, "Who's Mike Madigan?"; and

WHEREAS, Terry arrived in Springfield, bringing his Southern Illinois roots with him; he immediately established himself as an

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expert on clean coal technology and other energy issues; he understood that keeping the Southern Illinois coal industry vital was the key to his region's economic health; he fought hard for legislation that ensured safe working conditions for mine workers; and he battled for tax credits for the research of new coal technologies; and

WHEREAS, Terry was a relentless advocate for good government; shortly after arriving in the State Capitol, he led the charge for an emergency audit of the Department of Children and Family Services; the waste and mismanagement that was uncovered sparked several legislative reforms of the agency; and his efforts eventually earned him a position as Co-Chairman of the Legislative Audit Commission, allowing him to continue his fight for accountable State government; and

WHEREAS, Terry fought to build new markets for agriculture by promoting legislation that required State vehicles to run on ethanol, which would increase demand for Illinois corn products; as the Chairman for the House Transportation Committee, he was able to fight for improved roads in Southern Illinois, bringing millions of dollars back to his region for State road projects; and

WHEREAS, Despite his hard work and tireless efforts, Terry never forgot about his family and friends, and he quickly became known for his generosity; when session days went long and ran into the late evening hours, Terry would call his children every night from the House floor; it did not matter if tensions were high or tempers were flaring, colleagues nearby were always treated to Terry and his children discussing a television episode of "Hee-Haw" or "Green Acres"; and his colleagues were astonished at his ability to recite lines from memory for his children from any episode of those shows; and

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WHEREAS, When the Great Flood of 1993 caused widespread damage to his district, he joined thousands of other volunteers to fill and carry sandbags, and help evacuate people at risk; and he worked with State and federal government to get important disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, During his time in the House of Representatives, Terry became quickly known for his ability to make friends, have fun, and always take time to ensure everyone felt included; his reputation for being the center of attention, as well as his size, earned him the nickname "Big Cat"; Big Cat was always ready with a joke; he played the drums while his father played the accordion, made up songs, and loved to make people laugh; he loved to cook for his friends, sponsoring annual parties for staff and friends in Springfield; he was always the chef, cooking hundreds of pork chops, and supplying food and drink at his own expense; he bent over backwards for people in need and showed his deep generosity at every turn; and

WHEREAS, People who first glimpsed Terry were often astonished at his size; his appearance was large and often intimidating; upon his arrival in Springfield, he was often asked how tall he was, and his reply was always that he was "bigger than most"; and

WHEREAS, This is how we will remember Terry Deering; he was "bigger than most" in more ways than one; despite his intimidating size, he was known as an approachable man who was funny and likeable; he was a giant of a man with an even larger heart; and he was a loving father and husband, a dedicated public servant, and a person with a hearty and booming laugh; and

WHEREAS, Terry Deering was one of a kind, truly "bigger than most"; and we will miss him; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH

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HEREIN, that we mourn, along with his family, his friends, and the
citizens of Southern Illinois, the death of State Representative
Terry Deering; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented
to the family of Terry Deering along with our sincere
condolences."

Speaker Hannig: "Speaker Madigan moves the adoption of the
Resolution. And on that question, Speaker Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm
sure I speak for all of us in recalling the wonderful life
of Terry Deering. He was only here a short time in terms
of the length of career of many of us; but during that
time, we all came to realize that he was a wonderful person
with a kind heart, great humor, he had an uncanny ability
to bring humor and good-will into very difficult
conversations. He knew his district like the palm of his
hand. He advocated the interests of that district and the
interests of the people in that district with great gusto
and great effectiveness. And in reviewing his career in the
General Assembly, he was here for just a short time, but
clearly, he wrote a remarkable record of accomplishment.
Terry was the type of person that could be very helpful to
me in this respect, and I'm sure you'll all appreciate
this. Many times the days here get difficult. Many times
the conversations are not always real pleasant and at least
with Terry, whenever I'd be into a conversation with him or
whenever I needed some relief from it all, Terry was a
great guy for me just to wander up the aisle and sit and
chat with him about whatever topic of conversation may come
across our minds. And that's exactly how I'll remember

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him, as a wonderful person who brought a great deal of joy to my life and a great deal of joy to the lives of many, many people. We all miss him very, very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Speaker Madigan, those words were very eloquent of my good friend Terry. Ladies and Gentlemen, I remember when Terry came to Springfield. Jennifer Klint, who used to work for the House Democratic Staff, told me that some big guy down in Southern Illinois beat Wayne Goforth. I said, 'Who is this guy?' She said, 'Well, you'll meet him.' And they didn't know who he was at first, came up here and I looked at him and I said, 'My God, is that guy big.' I think they could of used him on the Bears or some other team to help the Bears maybe. But, when I got to know him, I can't see how anybody couldn't not like the guy. He was just full of life and gusto, would make you smile and make you laugh, and believe me, I had many, many, many laughs with my good friend Terry Deering. Many, many times and laughs and even through some travails in Springfield and out of Springfield that I will never forget for the rest of my life. He was my seatmate, he was my office mate. Many times on some of our trips he was my roommate and he was just one great person. And he did accomplish a lot for his district. He fought like hell. I remember he would be on the phone all day calling back the people about problems in their districts and talking to them. His wonderful family, I got to know. I feel like I'm part of the family, his mother and father, his wife, his children, his brother and his sister. I still can't believe he's not here, he's not here. I still can't believe it, five months later. We'll miss you, Terry. God bless you and your family."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, I've thought over these last several months, you know, the stories I could tell on Terry. You know, Terry, when he first came to know that I was running for office, my first...after I had won a primary, he came down into my district during my first debate and sat in the audience so he could ask questions, which he did with great pride, for a person that was not understanding of the legislative process at the time and after his second question, I said to the audience, I said, 'I would like to introduce everyone to State Representative, Terry Deering, who is asking these questions, which I do have trouble answering because he has some experience.' Afterwards, he came over to me and he said, 'You handled that real well.' I didn't win that time, but in 1994 when I did, Terry came over to me and he put his arm around me after we were sworn in here on the Floor. He said, 'I'm a Democrat from a Republican area, you're a Republican from a Democrat area. You stay out of mine, I stay out of yours.' Who's going to argue with a guy that big? He became a very good friend. He and I drove to DeKalb together and had some time to visit about what he enjoyed and what the other things that he didn't enjoy about this Legislature and he enjoyed the Legislature. What he didn't enjoy was being separated from his family, as most of us deal with when we're here. I truly enjoyed watching him work and handle a committee, he never backed off from anything, and he loved his district. As was said in the Resolution and as said by many others, 'He knew it well.' Southern Illinois, that deep part of Southern Illinois is a unique area, as I'm sure each one of yours is, and as Representatives we work very hard to know

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and understand. It didn't matter whether Terry was Mayor of DuBois, whether he was operating a dozer, or whether he was a Legislator, he was Terry. Everyone loved Terry. And, Terry, you're going to be dearly missed."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I sat down this morning to try to write the speech for today, but I couldn't do it. So, I'm just going to talk a little bit about Terry. Things got tough here in Springfield. I remember we would be going late at night and day after day and Terry would be down in my office and I would say, 'Boy, this is tough,' and he said, 'It beats greasin shivs.' Now, I know what greasing is, but I still don't know what a shiv is. The office 109, downstairs, became kind of a hangout for Terry. As the Speaker had said he was a cook in the Resolution. One day he'd say, 'Well, I'm going to cook prime rib for you guys tomorrow.' You know, where does he come up with a prime rib, how does he cook this thing? He brings it over to the office, it's absolutely delicious, feeds the whole area, everyone comes in and eats, has a great time. Terry would add life to an event. What I remember most about Terry, is when he was there, there was energy, there was life, there was fun, he enjoyed being there, he enjoyed life and he just imparted that energy to the rest of us and I'll always remember that of Terry and his family. What a hard time for the children, my condolences to them. And we're going to miss him, and the family. My condolences, because he was a great guy and his picture will always hang in 109. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mike was talking about the

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election that's mentioned in the Resolution. The first time I actually met Terry, because I have the district adjacent to him, north, I had heard about his election results that evening. So, the next morning, and Reita will remember this, Terry and I had a very good mutual friend, Mike Donnewald. So, I called Mike and said, 'I'd like to go down and talk to Terry and congratulate him.' So, I called Terry and introduced myself and said I'd heard a great deal about him and I'd like to meet him. So, I drove down to the district and he wasn't exactly thrilled with my being there. So, Reita and the kids came in and we went to this... it was a little tavern and he ordered his bottle of Budweiser and we sat down and we started talking about the election. And he started telling me about everything that Springfield did not do for him and we went through the litany and he was frowning, but the amazing thing about him was, people would walk in... I just remember these older gentlemen in the bib overalls and it was, 'Hi, Terry.' 'Oh, hi, Bill.' No big deal, very unassuming. And Terry started complaining about Springfield, because he thought Madigan had sent me down and they didn't know I was even there. So, I said, 'Well, Terry, we have something in common because when I ran, they didn't think I could win either so, we have a lot in common. I was always 20 points out, they didn't do much for me either.' And he started laughing and that was the basis for our friendship and it was a very, very dear friendship. When he came to Springfield and Jim McPike knows this story better than anyone, so they are now trying to accommodate Terry, get to know him and he brings Terry back into his office and says, 'You know, we made a mistake. We should have been with you, but you're a great guy, we'll work everything out and

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here's a little something to wipe out that campaign debt.' So, he gives him a check for \$10 thousand, Deering gets up out of the chair and he just starts to walk out of the office. McPike looks at him, he says, 'Don't you have anything to say?' And Deering turns around and goes, 'It's about time,' and that's the way he was, plain spoken. He always told it like it was and never pulled any punches and we laugh about it today. But whatever he did, he did do in a big way. I remember I used to cook for people over at Boone's. We'd have like 15 people, we'd make soup, very informal, very... We just had fun, relaxed a little bit. Terry comes up here we decide to do this, he hauls up a roaster, a whole grill on the back of his truck. Whatever he did, it had to be big, it had to be huge. Then he would have these cookouts for 150 people, I finally quit. You can't compete and that's the way he lived life. He was a tremendous Representative of his district. I've never met a better advocate. He stood up for people that need to be stood up for, that did not have a voice in government. You may not of liked what Terry's values were, not values, but how he viewed policy, but I'll tell you what, he reflected the values and the policies of his district. There was no stronger advocate, there was no one better at representing his people and he did it in a big way, knowing he would not back down from anyone, any issue, if he thought it was impacting his people and he took that very, very seriously. He did it in the legislative process. When he was with you, he was with you. Make no mistake about it, he was for you. If he was for a Bill, he would go to the wall. He would go to the wall for Mike Madigan, because he believed in Mike. He might disagree at times, but he believed in what Mike was trying to do. He believed in this process

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and if he was against you, you would certainly know it because in no uncertain terms you knew you had the battle of your life because he would not back down. But Terry was a throwback. I remember last year with Kay Wojcik, Terry had to oppose Kay on a Bill, he does it, he did it the best he could, but he felt so deeply about not wanting to hurt Kay's feelings, he walked over to Kay and apologized. He said, 'I had to do it for my people,' and that's the way Terry was. Underneath that rough exterior, was the kindest, most gentlest man you could ever want to meet. But he was a throwback to the old days where everyone would get along very, very bipartisan, very little partisanship, but when you had to do that, when you had to assume that role of being a partisan, you did it. And the other side respected you and then it was over. Then you are friends once again, and you try to effectuate good, sound public policy. The politics was out of it, everybody knew what they had to do, and Terry was a throwback to those days and that is why one of the reasons that he is going to be missed around this process. There was no one like him. The Speaker was talking about Terry in the back and his jokes, Terry used to... it's hard to explain, and we'll tell the rest of the stories later tonight, but I remember him, he lumbered down here, those size 15s and plopped down and he would say, 'I got to tell Madigan this story, I got to tell him this joke,' and it would be the most god awful joke in the world, just horrible. And he'd go up there and the Speaker would be in the Podium, he'd have his glasses down looking at the Podium and he'd look up and his eyes would get real big because here comes Deering up the steps and he's going right after him and then after about 20 seconds, you'd just see this smile come across Madigan's

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face, and that's the effect Deering had on people. He was not intimidated by anything. He was about making friends, and he did. He would break the tension, find that thing that could inject humor into any situation and he was the best at doing it that I've ever met. It's going to be very, very painful to sit here, as Phil indicated. We don't realize he's gone, but when there's silence and I don't hear him lumbering down this hallway, when I don't hear him yelling at me like he used to do, or I don't feel him staring over my shoulder trying to intimidate me the way he used to do, I'm really, really going to miss him and that's, I think, when it's going to hit us that he's gone. To the kids, I would just say, there were some things written about your dad after the accident and they did not reflect what your father was about. There are people in the media who will do anything to get a headline, who will do anything to drive publicity. So, as you get older, you might read these things, but you can't believe them. Believe the stories that are being told today. Your father was the kindest, gentlest, hardest working person I've ever met. Newspapers can't take that away from us, because what they did was a disservice. He was a true gentleman. When I thought about this briefly this morning, it came to me because it was kind of... it was difficult as everyone talked about, but a year ago today my mother died and I thought I was getting a little emotional and I thought, well, neither my mother or Terry would want to get... think about the bad things. They would want to be remembered for living life and getting the most out of it and that's what Terry did. He got the most out of life that anyone could get. He lived it to the maximum and so when I think of him and this... I will think of those good things but I will

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say this, when I think of him, I will sincerely and deeply miss him. I cherished his friendship almost as much as anyone I've ever met, and we will miss him terribly in this Chamber, and we just don't realize how much we're going to miss him. He was truly an outstanding person."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative O'Brien."

O'Brien: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This truly is a day both of great sorrow and of great joy. The sorrow, obviously, is for the loss of a true friend, but the joy for each of us is the tremendous gain that we had just by knowing Terry Deering. Terry touched the lives of each and every person in this Chamber and many, many others. One of the first things that I learned, was that Terry had a very sharing nature. As you've heard, he was always willing to share his cooking skills, his food, his sometimes raunchy jokes, his knowledge of the issues and his opinions on any issue and mostly what he shared, was himself. He opened his great big heart to every single person that knew him and to all of the people he cared about. And when I came down here last January, Terry was one of the first people that I met that was new to me and when I sat next to him, I was very intimidated by Terry. He was a very neat and organized person, everything had to be in its place. I was not so neat, I was not so tidy. Terry quickly straightened me up, he led me around, he helped me learn, not just my way around the issues, but my way around the building and my way around Springfield. And he would advise me on certain ways to vote on issues, things that were important, things that would help me at home and when he felt that I wasn't going to listen to reason, he would impose his size upon me and following a very hard vote or he had cajoled me into voting 'no' and I kept thinking I should change my vote, he

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said, 'MK, you change that vote and I'll break your fingers.' And as we adjourned that evening and I packed up my bags and walked out in a huff, he grabbed my arm, you know, because he never liked for anyone to be mad at him and he said, 'That's the definition of tough love in Southern Illinois,' and he meant every word of it. When he knew that he had to help you to do the right thing, he would go to the wall for you if you were his friend. And each and every one of us will keep Terry with us forever because we've all had an experience, we all have a memory of Terry that's very special to us and he will remain in this Chamber as long as there is one person here that served with him. And for myself, as I was thinking today, when Greyson and Clayton and Allyssa and I were... I was showing them how to use the computer and we went downstairs, I thought to myself, 10 months ago Terry Deering was showing me how to use the computer on my desk and he was showing me the back way down to the Rathskellar to avoid all the lobbyists out in front, to get something to drink, and I know that I will never forget him. He's had a tremendous impact on my life. He was a good friend to each and every one of us and we should hold on to those memories very dearly. Terry, I will miss you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Terry Deering, 'Big Cat', an engaging smile, an infectious laugh, he brought a lot of light to our lives. He was large in physical stature and at least as large in spirit. A man of boundless energy bordering, not infrequently, on the rambunctious. He tore into issues a little the way, he from time to time, tore up and down these House aisles. And what were his issues, what were the issues that made

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his presence felt in this Legislature and in our discussions and debates? They were the issues and the concerns that mattered first to the people of his district. But second, to all the working families of Illinois. Terry Deering leaves a major legacy. A legacy that he and his family should take great pride in. Terry Deering took great joy in his family. He took great joy in this Legislature. He took great joy in life and it's not surprising that we took great joy in him. God Bless, Terry, we miss you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To Reita, Greyson, Clayton, and Allyssa, it should be obvious to all that Terry had nothing but friends here on both sides of the aisle. As a Republican from Southern Illinois, I can tell you that a void has been created that just can't be filled. A very special Gentleman who will always be missed. There were two things about Terry that I shall always remember. One, when he took a position on the Floor, whether it was against the Speaker on that side of the aisle or the brief hiatus when we had the Speaker on this side of the aisle, he took great deal of pride. He would stand back there, he would fold his arms and you knew exactly where you stood in relation to Terry Deering. There was never doubt about where he was on the issues and he felt very strongly for the people of Southern Illinois and they will miss him. He should be remembered, also, at least he will in my mind, because it reflects the sort of energy that he put into every aspect of his life. How many of you remember coming to the softball games that we would play with the Senate? He hated to lose to the Senate. And I remember a dramatic home run that he hit when we were behind by two runs, with

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two men on base, and he hit that home run and everybody on our side of the bench tried to stop him at third base. We know when Terry had his mind made up there was no stopping him, and he ran past all those signals and he crashed into home plate and scored the winning run, and it was no big deal to Terry. He just... that's the way life was. He just charged until he won, and he should be remembered for all of that energy, all of the friendship that he shared with each and every one of us. God Bless you, Terry. We will miss you, dearly."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, very often when you act or react to someone, you really don't know what value you may have to their lives. I'll never forget an evening in which we had come into Session approximately at 9:00 a.m. and it was going on 11:30 p.m. so, as you know, the tension in this Body was very thick. For some reason, I felt rather explosive about some issue, failure due to my own misgivings, but the phone rang here on my desk, my light lit up and someone said, 'Monique, this is Terry. Come down to Lou Jones' office.' And I said, 'Come to Lou's office, for what?' He said, 'Well, you want to be mad about something, we got animals in this building and I've caught this animal and you got to come and see it.' So, I thought, okay. I rushed down to Lou's office, there was a cage and he said, 'Well, just look in the cage, and I think it's a ratite.' So, I looked in the cage and all of a sudden this fur starts flying, I hit the wall and the fur... the animal, so I thought, was attacking me and I don't know today what that was. But Terry kept me from exploding on the House Floor and making a true fool of myself. As a Legislator in the Illinois General Assembly,

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I think the most important thing for any man or woman in this Body, is to remain human and Terry Deering remained human. He spoke so frequently of his beautiful children, he loved them dearly. There were many conversations in which he spoke proudly of the achievements of his son and his heart, his daughter, and certainly his wife. The little girl is already a chip off the old block. When I met her today she said, 'You want to hear a joke?' And she told a very good joke. I won't tell it, but it was an excellent joke. May God Bless all of them and I'm very grateful to have known Terry Deering."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Monique, I can't imagine you getting excited on the Floor here. I first met Terry in 1991 when we had the 72 Members here in the House and there was not room for all of us on the Democrat side of the aisle and so, the Speaker asked if I would be a mother hen to four freshmen? I sat there where Tom sits now and Terry sat next to me and Tom Walsh on the other side, Mike Rotello and Gary Marinaro and we had some real interesting conversations trying to keep those five freshman together. It didn't work that way cause Terry was the last one left last time and he said, 'You know, Hartke, you're an absolute failure.' I don't know. But anyway, Terry was my friend and we shared just a lot of things. Probably more than most people know. We... he used to get up early in the morning and come into the Stratton Office Building, put a note on the door and says, 'You're late, if you can't run with the big dogs, stay on the porch.' I used to play a lot of golf with Terry and he'd hit a ball a mile long. Let me tell you something, he was a better Legislator than he was a golfer because you never knew where that ball was going. He hit that ball

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250, sometimes 300 yards off the drive and his second shot would be the same way. He would be 100 yards past the green. Terry was our friend, all of our friend and we're going to miss him. He had a laugh... Terry never did anything halfway, he went at it 100% of the time, each and every day. He loved his district, he loved his family, he loved all of us and we're going to miss him."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When Terry first got here, we did not become instant friends. We came from completely different backgrounds. He was sort of the first country boy I'd ever met. I was sort of the first Jewish lawyer he had ever met and I think he was more concerned that I was a Jewish lawyer than I was that he was a country boy. At any rate we, we became friends slowly and then one night we said, 'Well, why don't we have dinner together,' and we did and just he and I, and after about three hours of dinner, we had become instant friends and remained so throughout his time here. He's going to be remembered for a lot of things. He's going to be remembered for the nicknames he gave everybody, particularly, on this side of the aisle and the songs he wrote. He sang a song about Fester almost every 45 minutes, night and day. And he will, also, be known for his golf outings that took seven hours and the reason they took seven hours is because he wanted them to be long. He wanted his friends to be at that course in Waterloo with him all day and if we could play night golf, we'd still be there playing golf with him. But, I'll remember Terry most for a couple of funny things that happened and they may not be funny to you, but I know Terry is listening and every time he and I talked about these things he fell on the floor laughing. The first was

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an incident that involved Jerry Hawkins, who was a Representative here for awhile, and we had a meeting one Monday in Speaker Madigan's office when it was still back behind the rostrum, and we had several hours of discussing issues and issues and issues and then it was over and I was leaving the Speaker's office to head back to the Stratton Building and so were Terry and Jerry Hawkins, and they were walking in front of me and they weren't talking to me, they were talking to each other but they were talking like 'beings though,' and 'you can hunt geese with a rake' and I needed a Berlitz book to understand what the heck they were talking about and when we got to the Stratton Building, I stopped them both and I said, 'Guys, I followed you over here for the last five minutes and I did not understand one word either of you said to the other.' And Terry always appreciated that story so, periodically, he would give me some country lingo, but I never quite got it. Another story involved one night at Sam's, when we still had Sam's across the street, and I told Terry this story that he found funny. I don't even remember what it was actually, but it ended with this wild gesture. The next day we're on the House Floor and I am very animated on a Bill, as I get from time to time, and I was really angry and I was really going, and the fur was flying, and sweat was flying off my brow and that was in the year that Chuck was talking about where Terry was sitting on, what is now, the Republican side and it was deathly quiet in here and about three quarters of the way through my yelling, Terry stood up, looked at me just as I was looking at him, and he did this gesture, but he did it in an obscene way and when he did that, I could no longer debate the Bill and I started laughing and that was the end of my debate and so,

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periodically after that for the next several years, once in awhile he would see me and just do that gesture. He wouldn't say a word, he would just do the gesture as we passed in the hall and we'd both get a big kick out of that. Terry, also, would be one who would have enjoyed the night before his funeral. The night before his funeral, many of us gathered at Rend Lake to talk about Terry and those who were there will remember that it was a night we won't soon forget and most of us decided that the one person that would have enjoyed that night the most, was the one person who wasn't there. That was just his kind of night, but we know he was there with us. And so, Terry, we miss you. You are the proof that the whole is usually bigger than the sum of it's parts because now that you are not here with us, we are incomplete, we are not a 100% of what we were and I doubt whether we ever will again. To Reita and the family, parents, and the children, and the siblings, we'll be here for you just as Terry was here for us. We miss him. You come back and see us when you have the opportunity. God Bless you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is, as you know, my first day back and Terry and I came together in 1991. I met Reita and Greyson and Clayton and Allyssa in January of 1991 at the initiation for the Freshman Legislators. It was at the Hilton and that night after my infant had went to bed, and Allyssa and Clayton and Greyson had went to bed and we went down to the bar and we began to talk and talk about where we were from and what we did. And we weren't that far apart geographically, but I didn't really know him. I said, 'So, Terry, what'd you do?' He said, 'Well, a coal miner and the Mayor of DuBois.' I said, 'The Mayor

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of DuBois, how many people are in DuBois?' He said, 'Well, 2 or 3 hundred on a good day.' And I said, 'Well, as the Mayor of DuBois, what'd you do?' He said, 'You know, down in DuBois when it snows a lot, somebody's got to clean the sidewalks off.' I said, 'Well, Terry, how did you do this?' And he began to talk about how Reita was going into the delivery room with Allyssa and he said as she was going in, 'I think I'm going to run for State Representative.' That's how he broke the news to Reita Deering, and he did, and he won. I served here six years with Terry Deering and we went to all kinds of places, including touring coal mines and he was a coal miner and we went down, I guess, three or four miles, however far you go down into the earth, and it was totally pitch black and dark and I said to Deering, I leaned over and said, 'Terry, is it always this dark?' He said, 'Hell, I don't know. It's the first time I've ever been in a coal mine.' I said, 'Terry, I thought you were a coal miner?' He said, 'You think I'd go underground, are you crazy?' He was a strip miner and he ran the strip mines above the ground. I didn't know the difference at the time but as our friendship grew, as our friendship grew I learned a lot about that industry. Last year when I ran for Congress or... the summer before last, I campaigned in Washington County and Terry and his father used to... I don't know if a lot of people know this but in every parade, they'd pull a flat bed trailer and Ernie would be playing the accordion and Terry would be playing the drums and they would play the 'Beer Barrel Polka' 99 times in a row during the course of a parade. But man, was it fun, man was it fun. I last saw Terry at the... with Reita at the... it was a new race track, the Motorola 300, Indianapolis cars in our area and Terry and Reita were

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there, and Terry said, 'Boy Wonder, you gotta get back to the Illinois House. You gotta get back to the Illinois House.' And I said, 'Terry', and I say today, 'I'm back, Terry. I wish you were with me.' To Reita and Greyson and Clayton and Allyssa, Ernie, everybody in the whole family, we're going to miss him. I'm going to miss him and everybody here misses him. God Bless you, Terry."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I came down here during a Veto Session. I was 29 years old and I had replaced Representative Hoffman as youngest Member of the House and in that first week here, Representative Hoffman and Deering kind of adopted me and they took me around through the place. I grew to have a wonderful friendship with Terry. I sat next to him for awhile and... for one term. And a couple... and I have some wonderful pictures of him in my mind. My golf outing, I was a newlywed and I went home to get changed and I came back late to my own dinner. We had 500 people there and I came rushing in, Terry had stood at the door, greeted everyone by saying, 'I'm Terry Deering. You don't know me now, but you'll love me when I'm the Governor.' And pictures of Dan Burke, Roger McAuliffe, and Terry at Baur's at the piano and singing not only 'Danny Boy' but tunes that Terry wrote, that we all know and we'll seldom repeat. He was a wonderful friend. Terry used to... Terry befriended me when I... when I lost my son, I remember Terry... You didn't think a big guy like that could cry, but he did and every day Terry called my wife Lena with a joke and he wouldn't let me tell the joke because he knew I'd screw up the punch line and he was right. But he was a tremendous friend, and I will truly miss him. One last picture and a pride in his

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family is Greyson with a three wood, a seven iron, and a putter that Terry bought at a garage sale. He cut the top... he cut them down to fit and he wrapped them with electrical tape and Chuck Swisher and Terry and I and Greyson were a foursome, and we used about... I think Greyson had to be about nine years old. Terry would hit one this way, I would hit one this way, we used Greyson's drives about half of the day and Terry with that bright smile and his... just the sparkle in the eyes said, 'That's my boy.' We had some wonderful times and those I will always cherish. So, to the family, we thank you for sharing him with us."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now, I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve in this Body but... I wish I'd talked before Frank started with. I wish I was outside still, sending a card in for Terry and talking with him. When Terry first ran, he came and visited me. I was the Chairman of the County Board in Randolph County and said he was interested in running for State Representative and I had never heard of him. So, we met and talked and I told him I wasn't interested and wasn't going to run and would support him and told him he didn't have a chance and he said, 'Well, you're probably right, but we're going to try.' He came over then to Randolph County and other counties with his, as Jay had mentioned, with Ernie and the band and invigorated the entire party in Randolph County and the entire area. It made parades fun again and he was just a great person. He worked... we worked together on the County Board level and also, with my work for the mine workers, he helped. He was just a good champion for working men and women. During the flood of '93, we spent

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numerous hours... he spent in Monroe County, I knew he was there. Then he'd come down to Randolph County and we were fighting the river back. Probably, the story we talked about more than anything else was when I had Prairie DuRocher, the river was coming, the National Guard had told us to get off and cleared the town out and we had some tough decisions to make and it's been mentioned here, Terry didn't... once he took his stand, he didn't have a problem telling everywhere it was and we made a decision about 3:00 o'clock in the morning to blow a levy up that was going to cause serious repercussions for us, they said, at least, that we couldn't do that and Terry told them, we got on the phone and called our Congressman Costello and Senator Simon at that point and told them what we were going to do and Terry said he'd just take the heat for it. As County Board Chairman, I guess it was supposed to be my responsibility and we just... we were standing inside... I was sitting, I know, talking on the radio with the person and they said, 'You know, when we blow it up, you probably wouldn't hear it but you wouldn't (sic-would) feel it.' And they blew it up and as big as Terry was, he fell on top of me in the truck. So, you can imagine how much of an explosion that was and we had some rough times after that and Terry held... was good on his conviction and on his word, and we made it through but we were fortunate to save that town and had it not been for Terry and all the work of other hard people, Prairie DuRocher would be lost and have never been the same. His whole family is... I feel so sorry for them and good friends, good people, Jerry and Linda, Rich, and Ernie and Verdell, it's hard. As I said, I'm honored to serve here but I wish I would of never had this opportunity. Terry Deering will always be my State

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Representative. I hope to be half as effective as he was and the world will be a better place. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Steve Davis."

Davis, S.: "Thank you, Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I have nothing but good memories of my good friend Terry Deering. He was a big man with a big heart. He loved life. He loved his family. And he loved his job here in the Illinois Legislature. As a State Representative, you've already heard, Terry was totally committed to his constituency and to the people of the State of Illinois. Terry never forgot where he came from. He always championed those causes that affected working men and women in his district, their families and the working men and women in the State of Illinois. He was particularly protective of the coal miners, because he had been there. And I believe that Terry was extremely proud of the fact that he worked his way up to the Illinois Legislature from being a coal miner. I spent many hours with Terry and I can tell you what, every single minute of it was an enjoyment for me. He was... he was just one heck of a guy and I'm sure going to miss him but I can picture him in my mind. I was sitting in my office today, over in the L-Wing of the Stratton Building, and I can just picture him in that long lanky stride of his walking around the L-Wing holding a cup of coffee, eating a donut or sitting with his long legs crossed in a little bitty stool that was only a foot off the ground, what a sight. I'll tell you, he was a one of a kind individual that all of us are certainly going to miss. But I remember so many things about him because we did have so many good times. I can remember several nights at Norb's or Boone's and then going to Mr. Ted's for breakfast afterwards. He kept Mr.

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Ted's in business. I tell you, they had this all-American platter that it would take five people to eat and he would order it late evenings after late Sessions and he would eat every bit of it and he enjoyed it. I tell you, I've never seen anybody enjoy eating like Terry did. Another night comes to mind where my good friend Jim McPike and I and several of us were sitting around a table over at Norb's and another ex-legislator came over, Don Saltsman, to have a couple of discussions with our good friend McPike and to air some of his displeasures as to some of Mr. McPike's actions and the 'Big Cat' was there to save McPike's bacon that night, believe me. And I can remember... he does this Saltsman impression where he'd pull his glasses down over his nose and he would fold his arms and he'd say, 'I'm going to hook him. Come on, I'm going to hook him,' and he would do a Saltsman impression and I tell you, Terry was a funny guy, he loved to tell jokes, he loved to cook. He and my father had an opportunity to golf one time in a golf tournament. It was Terry and my dad and one of our local judges and our County Treasurer and we finished... everybody else finished golfing about 4:00 in the afternoon, I told Ernie this story earlier, we finished about 4:00 and about 5:30 Deering came in and my dad and the judge and the treasurer and we said, 'Well, where have you guys been?' And they said, 'Well, we've been playing golf.' I said, 'Well, what took you so long?' They said, 'Well, we're nine over par in a scramble, that's what took us so long.' And I said, 'Well, what happened?' They said, 'Well, on the first hole', he said, 'we had three guys hit the ball out of bound and the third one hit it in the sand trap and so that was our best shot and it went downhill from then.' But they have the record for having

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the highest score in a four man scramble in that tournament, but he always got a kick out of that. And I enjoyed all the times he came over to the frat house and he'd cook for us and we're truly going to miss him. And to the family, to Reita and Greyson and Clayton, Allyssa, Ernie and Verdell, I just want to give you my heartfelt condolences, and we're sure going to miss your son, your husband, and your father. He was a great father and a great friend. We'll miss you 'Big Cat'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Woolard."

Woolard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Terry would say... we are going to miss you, Terry, there's no question about it. You know, I sat right behind him here on the Floor and every time Terry got up, I wondered where he was going because he always got up different than everybody else on this Floor. I mean his chair slammed back against mine and up he got and he knocks Mary K. out of the way and down the hall and I wonder if it's Granberg he's coming after, or maybe even going all the way to the Speaker to Chair. But he always had a purpose and usually it was to pick up a cup of coffee or maybe even a piece of cake. Terry was the kind of special person that all of us will miss. There is no question. I think everyone has said very eloquently, the way that Terry was able to make sure that he understood the people that he represented. Maybe, sometimes, we all forget, but Terry never forgot that through communication is how it happens. And as Terry went to those parades and visited with those folks that he represented, he didn't just pass through, he talked and he listened and that's what made him so good. I'm sure there's others in this Body that do it probably just as well, but then we have to deliver the message that we hear and I think that's what

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Terry was best at, was delivering the exact position of those people. You know, Reita, I remember one night in a hotel across the street, Terry said, it was about midnight and he said he needed to talk. And Dave Phelps and I and Reita and Terry sat down in the room and we talked about several things. Frank, I heard what you said about him greeting the people at the door. You know, Terry said, 'Some day I'm going to be Governor of this great state.' He truly believed that he could and he would and you know why he believed that, because he believed as many of us, that he had the ability to make a difference and, Terry, you have, you know. Every member of your family here knows that you have. You've made that difference. Mary K., you said earlier that as long as one of us who served with him remains, a part of Terry will remain. I believe his impact on this Body is even greater than that. I think that he'll live far beyond any of us remaining in this Body. You know, Ernie, you said a few minutes ago that, guess this was the end of the Deering saga in the State Legislature of the Great State of Illinois. Positively not, positively not. Terry, we know you've been here, and you'll always remain."

Speaker Hannig: "Speaker Madigan now moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 35. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. The Clerk has some announcements and then we will adjourn."

Clerk Rossi: "The House Rules Committee will meet immediately upon adjournment in the Speaker's Conference Room. The House Rules Committee will meet immediately upon adjournment. The recessed Approp Committee will meet in Room 118, instead of Room 114, immediately upon

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adjournment."

Speaker Hannig: "And now, Speaker Madigan moves that allowing Perfunctory time for the Clerk, that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 29th at the hour of 10 a.m. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. House Bills, Second Reading. House Bill 1685, offered by Representative Scott, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code; House Bill 2332, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure; House Bill 2333, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes; House Bill 2338, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations; House Bill 2339, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations; House Bill 2349, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations; House Bill 2350, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations; House Bill 2359, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning child support; House Bill 2362, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code; House Bill 2363, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act; House Bill 2364, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act relating to membership on the governing boards of public universities; House Bill 2321, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act to amend the Toll Highway Act; House Bill 2325, a Bill for an Act concerning state purchases and delivery of services; House Bill 2340, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning governmental ethics;

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House Bill 2341, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning governmental ethics; House Bill 2342, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning campaign finances; House Bill 2343, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning campaign finances; House Bill 2344, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning purchases; House Bill 2347, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning purchases; House Bill 2351, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act amending the Toll Highway Act; House Bill 2352, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act to amend the Toll Highway Act; House Bill 2353, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act amending the Unified Code of Corrections. Second Reading of these House Bills. They'll be held on the Order of Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "First Reading and Introduction of House Bills. House Bill 2366, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963; House Bill 2367, offered by Representative Clayton, a Bill for an Act to amend the Probate Act of 1975; House Bill 2368, offered by Representative Winkel, a Bill for an Act relating to membership on the governing boards of public universities; House Bill 2369, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning international commercial arbitration; House Bill 2370, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act concerning religious freedom; House Bill 2371, offered by Representative Morrow, a Bill for an Act concerning the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; House Bill 2372, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act making appropriations; House Bill 2373, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning motor vehicle raceways;

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House Bill 2374, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act concerning highways; House Bill 2375, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code; House Bill 2376, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act; House Bill 2377, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics and Nail Technology Act of 1985; House Bill 2378, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes; House Bill 2379, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code; House Bill 2380, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act to amend the General Obligation Bond Act; House Bill 2381, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act to amend the General Obligation Bond Act; House Bill 2382, offered by Representative Murphy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code; House Bill 2383, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Bolin: "Introduction of House Resolutions. House Resolution 210, offered by Representative Tom Johnson; House Resolution #246, offered by Representative McAuliffe; House Resolution 247, offered by Representative Krause; House Resolution 248, offered by Representative Parke; House Resolution #249, offered by Representative Barbara Currie; House Resolution #250, offered by Representative Younge; House Resolution 251, offered by Representative Younge; House Resolution 252, offered by Representative Saviano; House Resolution 253, offered by Representative Fantin; House Resolution 254, offered by Representative Giglio; House Resolution 255, offered by Representative

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Schakowsky; House Resolution 256, offered by Representative Woolard; House Resolution 257, offered by Representative Bost. House Joint Resolution 35, offered by Speaker Madigan; House Joint Resolution 36, offered by Representative Reitz."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Currie, Chairman from the Committee on Rules, to which the following Bills, Amendments and Motions were referred, action taken on October 28, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'approved for consideration' Motion #1 to House Bill 2161."

Clerk Rossi: "Being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned. The House will reconvene in regular Session tomorrow at 10 a.m. The House now stands adjourned."