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Speaker Hartke: "The House shall come to order. Members will please be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Kristin VanAken who will be singing the Lords prayer. Kristin is the guest of State Representative Dan Rutherford. Guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Kristin."

Kristin VanAken: "Please bow your heads. (Sings the Lord's Prayer)."

Speaker Hartke: "We are led in the Pledge today by Representative Burke."

Burke - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Hartke: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie, a report on the Democrat side."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Schoenberg is excused and Representative Dart is on his way and should be excused until he arrives."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Poe, a report on the Republican side."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, let the record show that Representative Stephens is excused today."

Speaker Hartke: "Take the record. 115 Members answering the call. There is a quorum present and the House is ready to do business. Representative Bost, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hartke: "Congratulations, Grandpa."

Bost: "Well, thank you. I, you know, with Representative Brady

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being the age he is, so much older than I am. I want to announce that my grandchild was born about 25... or about 10 minutes after his child was born. It's a baby boy. It weighed 7.7 and it's 21 inches long, and his name is Spencer Michael Welden Fred."

Speaker Hartke: "Congratulations, Representative Bost. Committee Reports."

Clerk Rossi: "Representative Eileen Lyons, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 29, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'be adopted' a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 922. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 29, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'be adopted' a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 2439. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 29, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'to the floor for consideration', House Bill 30... Floor Amendment #2 to House Resolution 122, Floor Amendment #2 to House Joint Resolution 39, Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 264, Floor Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 372, Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 489, Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 843, Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 926; a Motion to Table Committee Amendment #2 on Senate Bill 1171, Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1283, and Senate Joint Resolution 28; 'to the Order of Concurrence', Motions to Concur on House Bill 1908, House Bill 1970, House Bill 2164, House Bill 2392, House Bill

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2538, House Bill 3128 and House Bill 3229. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 29, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'to the floor for consideration' House Bill 2703 and Senate Bill 1285, Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Hartke: "For what reason the Gentleman from Madison, Representative Hoffman seek recognition?"

Hoffman: "A point of personal privilege, Speaker."

Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

Hoffman: "Speaker, I have many friends on the other side of the aisle. I have many friends on this side of the aisle. I just wanted to make a point of personal privilege. Well, well maybe, maybe I... I hope I have many friends. My point's very, very simple. I looked over and I looked over to the other side of the aisle and we have tried to tell our staff and our photographers to respect the integrity of this process, to respect the other side of the aisle, not take pictures of the other side of the aisle while we're in Session. Recently, and now I don't know where the photographer went, he skedaddled off the floor. I looked over, their photographer is continually snapping pictures of our side of the aisle. I just ask for the same courtesy from their side of the aisle that we intend to give to them so that we conduct our business in a civilized fashion, not have to worry about the other side taking pictures. That's my point, and I hope that everybody on this floor agrees with me. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "The Chair recognizes Representative Hoeft. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hoeft: "Personal privilege."

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Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

Hoelt: "I'd like to make the observa... we've been waiting here so long, that I'm pleased to announce that Mike Bosts' daughter has given birth to her second child."

Speaker Hartke: "The Chair recognizes Representative Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I noticed that there was a committee posting of 5:00 for the Redistricting Committee. Is it... is that... is it your intention that was gonna start at 5:00 or are you gonna put that on hold, or how are you... what do we need to do about that Committee? Or what should we do?"

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Cross, that decision has not been made yet, but it's presumed that we will go to that Redistricting Meeting after Session and it was assumed that we would be through with Session by now. The chairman is not available for that Committee at the present time."

Cross: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Brunsvold in the Chair. Representative Hartke back in the Chair. Representative Black, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Black: "Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of inquiry to the Chair."

Speaker Hartke: "State your inquiry."

Black: "Yes. Let me appeal to your inherent fairness, your inherent common sense as a downstater. If that fails, let me appeal to just common courtesy. We've been here for two hours. Somebody in this place has to know enough to let us know whether we could go out for a... for dinner, move our clothes into our room, if we haven't already done so. I mean, I'm perfectly willing to sit here with you most of the evening, Mr. Speaker, but I don't... I'm not as anxious to do that after 16 years. Surely, somebody here could

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tell us what the plan is so we might be able to get some dinner and make some site of orderly plans for the rest of the evening. It would be so kind of you, if you could advise us of that. It's just common courtesy. I don't think it's too much for any of us to ask for."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Black, many of us have plans for the evening and I..."

Black: "Well, you better change them, cause the evening is fast leaving you."

Speaker Hartke: "And I will let you know just as soon as possible what... what the agenda will be."

Black: "Well, perhaps we could go to committee and then come back or..."

Speaker Hartke: "That's a very good suggestion."

Black: "Or perhaps we could have a recess and come back."

Speaker Hartke: "We'll take your suggestions under advisement."

Black: "Or perhaps we could just go home and when they're ready for us to vote, we could just phone it in."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Black, while you're sitting there, I want you to reflect on 1995. Okay. Mr. Parke, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my understanding that a number of committees are gonna be called. I had a committee packet with me. Is there any reason why we can't go to committee now and get those committee assignments taken care of and then come back? Could you ask the Speaker to allow us to have those committee hearings and then come back and deal with it then? Why wait until some... until you tell us to adjourn when we could get those committee hearings done now?"

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Parke, I will pass your request on."

Parke: "Thank you."

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Speaker Hartke: "Representative May, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

May: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I guess it's a point of personal privilege or whatever. But I wanted to..."

Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

May: "...compliment the Clerk. I have a lot of paper that I read and use here, and rather than carry it back to recycle, the Clerk has brought in recycling bins on both sides of the chamber, so that we can all be green environmentally correct in recycling these wonderful tomes when we're done with them. Thank you to the Clerk."

Speaker Hartke: "Thank you, very much. Mr. Parke and Mr. Black in response to your inquiry. I've just spoken to the powers that be and they said that patience is a virtue and good things come to those who wait. House Redistricting Committee will please report to... Members should report to Room 114 immediately. House Redistricting Members should report to Room 114 immediately. Ladies and Gentlemen, there will be a committee schedule for tomorrow morning, so check the Calendars tomorrow when you arrive. House Committee Members on the Redistricting Committee should report immediately to Room 114 for the Redistricting Hearing. Barring perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Lang now stands... moves that the House stand adjourned until the hour of 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Committee schedules will probably start around 8:30. All those in favor... Representative Crotty, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Crotty: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could you tell us... the rumor had it that we had a couple of committee meetings after Session."

Speaker Hartke: "There will be no committee meetings after

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Session today. They will be tomorrow morning."

Crotty: "Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Please check your Calendars early in the morning. All those in favor of the Motion, will signify by saying 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned at the hour of 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning."

Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 398, offered by Bill Mitchell; House Resolution 399, offered by Representative Younge; House Resolution 403, offered by Representative Delgado; House Resolution 405, offered by Representative Novak; and House Joint Resolution 47, offered by Representative O'Connor are assigned to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."