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Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is SJR 2, offered by Representative Beiser and HJR 34, offered by Representative Currie. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned.

Speaker Turner: "The hour of 12:00 having arrived, the House shall be in order. Today, March 10, 2009, we shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Allen Bennett, who is the pastor of Pawnee Assembly of God Church in Pawnee, Illinois. Reverend Bennett is the guest of Representative Brauer. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Allen Bennett."

Reverend Bennett: "Good morning. Let us pray. Father, we come to You today and we thank You for Your guidance, protection, and love for the Members of the Illinois House of Representatives and the citizens of Illinois. I ask that You bless this Assembly with Your great wisdom this morning.. as a symbol here today may their discussions and decisions be in accordance to Your will for Illinois. Lord, as Your representative, I declare that just as we are entering in the spring season that bring new life that Illinois is entering into a new season as well. Bring this House into Your plans for Illinois. May all who are here comprehend how great and awesome is Your love for them. And Father while they are here in Springfield conducting the state's business, provide for and protect their families back home. Bless their families, we pray. Lord,

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we ask that You bless our Governor, bless our governmental leaders all over the nation, and this state. Father, bless the Speaker of the House today as he leads today's Legislative Session. Bless each Representative and their staff members. And Lord, we also ask that You bless our servicemen and women around the world defending our freedoms and bringing peace to places of turmoil. Heavenly Father, thank You for hearing us, acting upon our requests and petitions. Thank You for the new beginnings. Thank You for Your love. Thank You for leading us today in Jesus name, Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the pledge today by the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Ramey."

Ramey - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Mulligan and Winters are excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, for what reason to you rise?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Bradley and Gordon are excused today. And Speaker, if I might, I'd like my colleagues to join me in welcoming a new Member, Representative Anthony DeLuca."

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative... The Gentleman from Cook, Representative DeLuca, the newest Member of the House, would you care to speak?"

DeLuca: "Yes. Thank you for the introduction. I'm honored and happy to be here. It's been quite an overwhelming experience this morning, but I'm looking forward to the challenge ahead. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome again to the Assembly. Mr. Clerk, a hundred... 110 Members present. We do have a quorum and we shall proceed with today's business. The Gentleman from Randolph, Representative Reitz, for what reason to you rise?"

Reitz: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Reitz: "In the gallery, over on the Republican side in the back, we have a group of Chinese officials from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, and they're here to watch the Illinois House in progress. We welcome them to the Illinois General Assembly."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. Rules Report, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson for the Committee on Rules, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on March 10, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations; 'direct floor consideration' for Amendment #1 to House Bill 34, Amendment #1 to House Bill 35, Amendment #1 to House Bill 38, Amendment #1 to House Bill 236, Amendment #1 to House Bill 264, Amendment #2 to House

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Bill 281, Amendment #1 to House Bill 388, Amendment #1 to House Bill 402, Amendment #1 to House Bill 587, Amendment #2 to House Bill 519, Amendment #1 to House Bill 616, Amendment #2 to House Bill 618, Amendment #1 to House Bill 644, Amendment #1 to House Bill 737, Amendment #1 to House Bill 752, Amendment #1 to House Bill 772, Amendment #2 to House Bill 1010, Amendment #2 to House Bill 1074, Amendment #1 to House Bill 1087, Amendment #1 to House Bill 1142, Amendment #1 to House Bill 1201, Amendment #1 to House Bill 1327, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2286, Amendment #1 to House Bill 2405, Amendment #2 to House Resolution 7, and 'recommends be adopted' and referred to the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 34."

Speaker Turner: "On Supplemental Calendar #1, we have House Joint Resolution 34. Read the Resolution, Mr. Clerk. No. Representative Currie on the Resolution."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move that we adopt House Joint Resolution 34... and that we suspend the posting and that we... no. This is the Resolution that provides that the Governor can come and visit with us a week from tomorrow to present us with his State of the State Address. So I would appreciate your support to adopt the Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie moves for adoption of House Joint Resolution 34. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed should say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And The Resolution's adopted. Mr. Clerk, if we're going to move to the... the Order of Motions in writing, these are Motions to Table. For the Body's edification, I'm going to read a series of

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numbers where Members have requested that their Bill be tabled, and we will take them all under one Motion. The first Bill is House Bill 158, the second Bill is House Bill 263, House Bill 690, House Bill 718, House Bill 831, House Bill 943, House Bill 1036, 1059, 1064, 1326, 2252, 2260, 2262, 2297, 2532, 4331, and House Joint Resolution 12. With leave of the Body, leave will be granted for these Bills to be tabled as requested by the Motion. All those in favor should say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. And those Bills will be tabled. We are going to move to Order of Third Readings on page 23 of the Calendar, which is where we left off last week. The first Bill under that order is Representative Lang with House Bill 488. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 488, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a Bill that helps us be in compliance with Federal Law. Under the... under the rules that we've been living under for prescription drugs for... mostly for kids, things like Ritalin or Aderol. The law has required that parents have to go to the doctor's office and pay a doctor's visit every month to get a prescription. The Federal Law has changed. This would simply allow parents to get three 30-day prescriptions at a time so they can limit their visits to the doctor. That's all the Bill does. I know of no opposition to the Bill."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 488?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, 111 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Cross, for what reason... I should say the Gentleman from Kendall, Representative Cross, for what reason to you rise?"

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, we... you and I had a series of... series of discussions or questions back and forth last week about a Bill dealing with special elections; curious as to the intention of the Chair of releasing that to committee. As of yet, it has not been released to committee. We were told last week, I think on three separate occasions, that the Rules Committee would be meeting. And we have to get an answer on that, I'd at least one way or the other would like to know what the intention is of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, do you have a question for the Rules Chairperson on this issue, because the Rules..."

Cross: "I have a question of anybody that wants to give us an answer. Are we going to ever see a Bill assigned to a committee as your rules lay out? This one in particular that has not been assigned to committee, and obviously, we'd like to get an answer as to whether or not the intention of the Chair is to assign it to committee. Or is it going to stay in Rules all Session?"

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Cross, I understand that that Bill is still under review in the Rules Committee."

Cross: "Well, maybe... could I ask how long that it's going to be under review?"

Speaker Turner: "At this point, I don't know when the Rules Committee is scheduled to meet again today, they met earlier... I can get back to you on it, Representative. I think Representative Bost was at the last Rules Committee meeting, maybe he can enlighten you, but I do know that this issue is still under consideration."

Cross: "Well, Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons I'm asking, is we're close to deadline... getting Bills out of committee, getting Bills out of the House, the process is moving along as it should. There are a lot of important issues that need to be addressed, we acknowledge that. This happens to be one of many we think are important, and we're soon to be at a point where it's going to be too late to hear this Bill. And we tried to be reasonable last week and work with you and were assured... or not assured, we're told everyday that Rules would be meeting and just to hold on. So, Rules met and nothing happened. Is Rules going to kick it out this afternoon?"

Speaker Turner: "Representative, we'll keep you informed. At this point there's been no scheduled time for the Rules Committee meeting. The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost, for what reason to you rise?"

Bost: "Mr. Speaker, I do remember that Rules Committee specifically, where we as House Republicans, the two that were present, made... I personally made a Motion to have that

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Bill discharged to committee so that we could go ahead and move forward with it. It did fail with three Democrats voting against, two Republicans voting for. With the people wanting this special election, I think it would be openly appropriate that we would allow that to at least to have a hearing in committee where other than the Rules Committee, where we can actually discuss it and figure out what the problem might be. It's very clear that our side of the aisle, and I didn't want to interrupt our Leader at all, but he has been forward on this to make sure that we are pushing forward with this process. The people can make their decision through their Representatives if we allow their Representatives to vote, but as of yet the representatives have not had that opportunity. It's very clear that the general public sees... sees and believes that we should have this special election. It should be at least brought to a vote, but obviously, the Democrat side of the aisle doesn't feel that that's important for the people of the State of Illinois."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Mathias, for what reason do you rise?"

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I filed a Motion to Discharge House Bill 3948 from the House Executive Committee. House Bill 3948 was assigned to committee, but was not posted for a vote. As you know, this is the last week to call Bills. Under House Rule 58(a) any Member may move that a standing committee or a special committee be discharged from consideration of any legislative measure assigned to it and not report it back

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unfavorably. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the Calendar requirements of House Bill 58(b)... I'm sorry House Rule 58(b) and call for a Roll Call vote. And I move to discharge House Bill 3948 from the House Executive Committee and be placed on the appropriate order of business. On February 29, 2008, the Cook County Board made history by giving citizens of our state's largest county the highest sales tax in the country. This sales tax increase continues to be a barrier to economic growth and prosperity, and hits working and middle class families hard at a time that they can least afford it. At a time when we're in the middle of a historic economic recession, the effects of this tax have proven devastating to many families in my district who are struggling to make ends meet. That's the reason I sponsored House Bill 3948 to roll back this harmful tax increase. This legislation would ensure transparency and accountability to all tax increase proposals before the Cook County Board. It would prevent what happened last year when the sales tax was increased to an unbelievable rate, only to allow... County Board President Todd Stroger to hire more of his cronies on the county payroll. It's time to remember that our county government is to serve the people, not the other way around. Let's release this Bill from the House Executive Committee and roll back this ridiculous sales tax increase and give the hardworking citizens of Cook County a break. Recently, during the last election cycle, I knocked on many doors in my district. And I asked them what the effect of this tax has been on them. And they've quite frankly told

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me, well, we're doing our shopping now in Lake County. My district is right on the border of Cook and Lake County. Many of my residents, especially for many of the high-priced items now go just a few blocks or a few miles to another... to Lake County to do their shopping and it's really has a devastating effect on the businesses in Cook County. So, I ask for a Roll Call vote on my Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Mathias, because your Motion is not on the Calendar, your Motion is out of order."

Mathias: "I have filed the Motion. I don't think the Motion is out of order, and if that's the ruling of the Chair, I want to appeal the ruling of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "You're entitled to appeal the ruling of the Chair. So, the question before the Body is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' Those in favor of sustaining the Chair should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there's 66 voting 'aye', 46 voting 'no', 0 'present'. And the Chair is sustained. The Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Stephens: "A point of personal privilege. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, the Gentleman from Cook asked to overrule the Chair. Because this is a anniversary, in a manner of speaking, it was about a year ago this month that the Cook County Board President Todd Stroger and his Democrat

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cronies on the Cook County Board nearly doubled the sales tax in Cook County. And you might think, well, from Bond County, what do I care? Well, you know, it's coming that season when my Cardinals will be traveling to Chicago to beat up on your Cubbies, and you know what, we like the city. My wife and I, and our children like to stay at the downtown hotels. We like to... we spend a little money there, but we don't want to spend all of our money there. And all we want to do is have Representative's... the Representative's Bill heard, Representative Mathias. We want the gentleman from Cook's legislation heard in the Executive Committee; we want it heard today. Why would you be opposed... you know, I've been going to all these meetings. You talk about we're going to shed light on this, and we're going to have transparency on this deal and that deal. But when it comes down to the real issues, when you control every major office in the State of Illinois, including in the City of Chicago, you don't want to really shine any light. You don't want to really give the people a voice. As I understand it, Chicago Board President Stroger and his cronies on that board rammed this tax increase on the people of Cook County through at the very last minute with very little input. The Representative's Bill would allow a vote by the people, allow the people to be heard in committee, and... and before a vote's taken by the Cook County Board. Returning decision-making to the people of Illinois, and particularly the people of Cook, when we're talking about tax increases, where they have the highest sales tax in the nation, the highest gas tax in the

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nation, would be only appropriate... more appropriate this year in the wake of the Democrat scandals that have embarrassed our state for again... once again. We've had our fair share of Republican scandals, but overwhelmingly, it's the Democrats, who every time we want to clean up the system, you like to say the right things, but in this case you've got a chance to do the right thing. But no, we can't listen to a responsible Legislator from the very county that's affected. We can't even hear his Bill. Vote it down if you will. Vote against it if you want to and then put out your press release by the way. We talked last week about the special elections. When you block our move to get that Bill out of Rules Committee, and then we... we rat on you back in your districts. Then you write letters to the editor saying, 'oh, no, that wasn't me. I'm for special elections.' When Representative from Macon, we've got you on two votes stopping us from getting that Bill out to the House Floor. Once again, you're blocking our efforts. It's wrong, Mr. Speaker. You know it's wrong, the real Speaker knows it's wrong, the Majority Leader knows it's wrong. I... I ask you once again to reconsider House Bill 3849 and let it be heard in Executive Committee this week."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Ramey, for what reason do you rise?"

Ramey: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Ramey: "I am disheartened that when my colleague, a Representative of Cook County, asks for release of a Bill

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that would help his residents, because I, too, represent a portion of Cook County. And the residents here continue to suffer at every store and business that they go to because they are forced to pay the highest sales tax in the region. Every time the Cook County Board officials get into a jam, their first instinct is to raise some sort of tax on the hard-working people of this area. There never is a discussion about cutting their budget, reducing the budget, cutting wasteful spending. Instead the easy decision for them has always been to raise taxes on the hard-working people of my district, Sid's district, all these Representatives of Cook County's districts. Cook County is in need of fiscal reform in the worst way. We have several pieces of legislations that promote good policy. I ask that they are allowed to be heard. I ask that, in particular, House Bill 3948 be released so that we may discuss this in committee and get it out to the House Floor for a proper debate. Speaker, I ask for this... in the cause of red jacket. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Biggins. For what reason to you rise?"

Biggins: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yeah, I'd like to add my voice to the chorus that is urging us to get House Bill 3948 and to get it to the floor for a hearing and so we can debate this issue and make Cook County fiscally healthy again. The institution of this new tax... increased tax, making it the highest in the nation, has severely impacted negatively... negatively on the citizens of our state, my district. I grew up in the Cook County part of my district

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and 40 percent of that district is in Cook County. But the population of the Cook County part has decreased in the 6 years of this decade and the DuPage County part has increased population, despite the fact that construction has been neutral the last couple years. So, this policy has been very harmful and will continue to be harmful for the citizens who shop in Cook County and I urge that we get this Bill heard to the floor, House Bill 3948. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Burns, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "State your Point."

Burns: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the gallery, I have a constituent from the 26th Representative District, Mr. Christopher Scott Thomas. He's down here visiting Springfield for the first time and I'd like him to be welcomed to Springfield."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield, Chris. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "State your inquiry."

Black: "It was about two months ago on this very floor... I can wait... I don't have any place to go."

Speaker Turner: "Could we have a little peace in the House."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, very kind of you, very kind of the Members. It was about two months ago that

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we had a debate on the House Rules on this floor and I've asked to get a copy of the transcript, but I can remember very clearly what was said. It was said that... our Motion to Amend the House Rules so that we didn't have unanimous consent to discharge a Bill from the House Rules Committee, really wasn't necessary, because in the odd-numbered years, all Bills would be reported from the Rules Committee and assigned a substantive committee. Somebody didn't tell us the truth. I'll let it go at that, there are more inflammatory words I could use, but somebody didn't tell the truth. There are still Bills that have not been reported out of the Rules Committee, in violation of the House Rules. And then, the games that we play... some Bills are assigned, and no matter how often we ask or have our staff ask, or how often we go to the Democrat staff, the Bills are not posted for committee. We're not given any reason for that, we're just told no, they will not be posted... the Bill will no be posted. If it isn't posted, Representative, you can't call it, we will not call it. That is an abject violation of my rights as a Member... of every Member's rights. So, my inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker, is really simple. You chose not to give an answer to the House Republican Leader. You chose really not to give an answer to Representative Mathias. My question is just very simple. Are we going to abide... and you have Mr. Ellis there, a learned individual, very familiar with the House Rules. Is it the intent of the Chair, and of the Democrat Party of Illinois who run this chamber, is it your intent to follow the House Rules, or to ignore the House

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Rules? I take no personal pleasure in questioning the Chair or asking for a Motion to... Discharge the Rules Committee. I'm just... Since you didn't have the common courtesy to answer the House Republican Leader, which I thought was a little odd, will you at least give some clarification to the Members? Is it your intent to follow the rules of the House, or have you decided that the rules will not be followed in some cases? And I know that in most of those cases the rules are not followed by Bills that are sponsored... or for Bills that are sponsored by Republicans. I think it's a fair question. I think it's a question that determine what the Minority Party's role will be in this last week."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, your comments are well taken. I can only say this that at the last Rules Committee meeting, and I think Representative Bost said it earlier in the debate, a vote was taken... a Motion was made to discharge, a vote was taken, and that Motion failed."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, I'm at an age where I don't have the time, nor the patience anymore to be treated like a recalcitrant first-grader. I have great confidence in your ability as a fair man, but that wasn't an answer, we haven't had an answer, we evidently are not going to get an answer. I don't expect to win every Bill that I file on behalf of constituents, that's the process. The process weeds out Bills. But when you don't let the process work, in violation of your own rules, then I think it's time... you give the House Republicans no choice. Mr. Speaker, I would ask for an immediate Republican Caucus. I see no reason

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for us to stand up here and be a part or a partner or anything to do with the games that you're going to play. If we have no rule here... if we have no role, if we can't call Bills, if our Bills won't be released from Rules, if they won't be posted in committee, you are denying not only our rights, but the rights of the people who we represent. Shame on you. I ask for an immediate Republican Caucus. I'm not going to sit up here and put up with this."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook Representative Currie."

Leader Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I have a Motion to suspend the House Rules so that House Bills 3881, 4054, 4055, and 4220 may be heard this week at the House Adoption Reform Committee; so that House Bill 3990 can be heard in Agriculture; so that House Bill 4338 and 4332 can be heard in Appropriations Higher Education; 967 in Cities and Villages; 3882 in Elementary and Secondary; 199, 202, 261, 500, 687, 1089, 2389, 2390, 2436, 2528, 2655, 3629, 3658, 4252, 4333, 4334, 4335, and 36 (sic-4336) and 37 (sic-4337) may be heard in the Executive Committee; House Bill 528 in the Health and Healthcare Disparities Committee; House Bill 46 in Homeland Security; House Bill 746 and 754 in Human Services; 58 and 63 in Labor, 741 in Labor also; and 2449, 2657, 4155, 4325, in Mass Transit; 2691, 2694, and 2695 in Medicaid Reform; 630 to Public Utilities; 4321 Renewable Energy; and House Bill 177 in State Government Administration. Is there leave?"

Speaker Turner: "Representative, we're going to move to the caucus after we take care of this order of business. Representative, I have been informed that a list has been

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provided. The Lady's Motion is to suspend the posting requirements. We're going to go to a Roll Call. All those in favor of the suspension of the posting requirements of the aforementioned Bills should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this question, there's 67 voting 'aye', 40 voting 'no', 4 voting 'present'. And the Lady's Motion passes. Representative Black moves for a Republican Caucus immediately. How much time will we need?"

Black: "Mr. Speaker, what difference does it make? You're going to run this chamber without us, that's obvious. You don't need us here. Welcome to the era of reform, Ladies and Gentlemen. This reminds me of 1991-92. And when you got this heavy-handed, it cost you your majority. And you may be on your way to losing that again. There is no reason for you to act this way, none whatsoever. We have expressed time and time again that we're willing to work with you, we would like to work with you, and all you do is stick it in our ear. This is... there's no reason for this, other than to show that you have to the power of 60 votes-plus. And you will do what you want to do, and the House Rules can be damned, and the Minority Party can be damned, and you will run it however you want. Well, you can run it without us for as long as you want. I'm not going to participate in this absolute charade. I was a member of the eighth grade student council and they didn't run things in this fashion, why do you? There's no reason for this.

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I don't know how some of you can sleep soundly at night when you simply ignore. You're the party of minority rights, what a joke. You don't even know what minority rights are about. As you shaft us, you shaft hundreds of thousands of people. Get on your own side of the aisle, Majority Leader Currie, I didn't ask you to come over here and give me the devil. Stay on your own side of the aisle. I don't need to be chastised by the Majority Leader or anybody else. She's not my mother. And you, Sir, are not my father. And I can tell you, as much respect as I have for you, you will never, ever be the man my father was. And shame on you for what you've done today. This is one of the most heavy-handed, ridiculous, asinine displays of raw, naked political power I've seen in a long, long time. Shame on you and shame on you over there for allowing this to happen. The worm will turn someday and then you'll wonder why."

Speaker Turner: "The Republicans will go to caucus for one hour and committees will begin at 2 p.m. Representative Currie now moves that the House stands adjourned. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House stands adjourned. The House will stand adjourned until Wednesday at the hour of 1 p.m. And the House now stands adjourned 'til Wednesday at 1 p.m."

Clerk Bolin: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4339, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 4340,

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offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an act concerning appropriations. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 160, offered by Representative Sacia. House Resolution 163, offered by Representative Cross. House Joint Resolution 33, offered by Representative Flider. And Senate Joint Resolution 12, offered by Representative Kosel. These Resolutions are automatically referred to the House Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."