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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Dr. Mike Fogerson who's the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Chester, Illinois. Dr. Fogerson is the guest of Representative Costello. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Fogerson."

Dr. Fogerson: "Oh mighty God, Lord of Creation, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I come before Your throne of grace with boldness in the name above all names, Jesus Messiah. We thank You that we can abide under the shadow of our almighty God. We thank You that a thousand may fall at our side and 10 thousand at our right side but none will come near us. I thank You that You have given Your angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways. Lord, God, this House is Yours. This government is Yours. This state is Yours. It belongs to You. And I pray that You would give wisdom and discernment to those who have been entrusted as stewards, placed in positions of leadership and authority. Guide them, direct them as they lead this great State of Illinois in every way and may Your spirit rest upon them. May they lead in a way that honors You and in a way that is in line with Your leading and where Your blessing may be found. As a new page in Illinois Government is written, I pray specifically and especially for Governor Rauner, Lieutenant Governor Sanguinetti, Speaker of the House Madigan, President of the Senate Cullerton, Chief Justice Kilbride, Secretary of State White, Comptroller Munger, Treasurer Frerichs. May these and those who serve alongside them seek Your favor in Your face and Your will, and Your

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blessing, Oh God. Your Word says that righteousness exhorts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people. We've kind of made a mess of things on our own, we need You. We have come up short on our own, we need You. We have drifted from our core values on our own and we need You. We've oftentimes hurt the family on our own, we need You. We've dug ourselves into a pretty big hole in the ground, but Your word has shown us that no hole in the ground has ever slowed You down, we need You. We fashion ourselves as sovereign, but we're never truly satisfied until we unconditionally surrender to You as Lord, so we need You. You are our refuge and our stronghold in times of trouble, so we declare with our mouths that Your people shall dwell safely in this land and may prosper abundantly. We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus and we declare that no weapon formed against us shall prosper. Now, Lord, would You bless them and keep them. Make Your face to shine upon them and be gracious to them, Oh Lord. Lift Your countenance upon them and give them peace. I'd like you to pray with me as our tradition. Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed by Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. And Amen."

Speaker Lang: "Be led in the Pledge by Representative Winger."

Winger - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

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one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. There are no excused Democrats to report today."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Representative Poe is excused today. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. We have 116 Members present. And we do have a quorum. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on February 4, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 317, House Bill 318, House Bill 320, House Bill 321, House Bill 322."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Adjournment Resolution. House Joint Resolution #18, offered by Representative Currie.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the House of Representatives adjourns on Wednesday, February 04, 2015, it stands adjourned until Friday, February 06, 2015, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Monday, February 9, 2015, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until February 18, 2015, or until the call of the Speaker and when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, February 5, 2015, it stands adjourned

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until Tuesday, February 17, 2015, or until the call of the President."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Burke has an announcement. Can you give Mr. Burke your attention, please? Ladies and Gentlemen, shh... Mr. Burke."

Burke, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm so saddened to advise the Body that a very dear friend of ours, of many of us in this chamber, passed away this morning. Dean Sweitzer, who represented the Lexington Nursing Home Industry. And I would ask the Body to take a moment of silence in memory of our dear friend. God rest his soul."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Burke. You may be seated, Ladies and Gentlemen. The Chair recognizes Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Davis, M.: "Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to remind the Body that February is the month in which we celebrate African-American history. And I would like to ask that each person recognize the contributions of African Americans in the United States of America's history. I'd also like to remind the Body that during the month our black history... our Black Caucus Members will find a hero to introduce you to. I'm not going to introduce you to one, but I will ask you to remember the contributions made by one, Rosa Parks. Today, my hero is Rosa Parks who helped to change the history of this country for

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people who could not ride the bus and sit where they chose. Rosa Parks, a seamstress, took it upon herself to be committed and dedicated to the betterment of our country. And I'd ask that you, too, look upon Rosa Parks as a historical figure that we should all admire and know exactly about, help to teach your children about African-American history. This is just the month that we make a major commemoration, but the entire year should be used to help people to learn African-American history. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. The Chair recognizes... the Chair recognizes Mr. Phelps for an announcement. Mr. Phelps. No running, Sir."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, our good friend, Keith Sias, with the Credit Unions is having a... did you know he's the new Speaker of the Third House... he's having a reception tonight for the new Members of the Illinois General Assembly. We're still going to have it. We're going to move it up at 4:00, 4 to 7 tonight at the State House Inn, Governor's Ballroom. You're all invited."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. The Chair recognizes Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

McAsey: "I just wanted... I wanted to thank the Members of the Body both here in the House, as well as Members of the Senate, and the many Constitutional Officers who are participating today in our Go Red for Women event here at the Capitol. Thanks to each of you for remembering to wear your red. Thanks for

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participating in the photos that we took downstairs in the Rotunda earlier today, along with The American Heart Association, to raise awareness regarding heart disease, a leading killer of women here in the State of Illinois. Thank you again for your participation. Remember to wear red throughout the month of February to raise awareness in our communities as well as here at the Capitol. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Leader Bellock is recognized."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I just would like to add to what Representative McAsey said to thank everybody for coming to the Go Red Day and especially the First Lady of Illinois who joined us in the red heart day in part of the celebration. So, we want to thank her for joining us also. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We'd like to welcome our guests from the Senate and ask them to take a chair as well. Ladies and Gentlemen, please take your chairs. The House will be in order. Speaker Madigan in the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we need you to take your seats. The Governor is outside the chamber. He's ready to begin. We need you to take your seats. Please take your seats. Will all Members please take their seats. The regular Session will stand in recess. The Doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Honorable President Cullerton and the Members of the Senate are at the door and seek admission to the chamber."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper, please admit the Honorable Senators. As designated in House Joint Resolution 7, the hour of 12 noon having arrived, the Joint Session of the 99th General Assembly will now come to order. Will the Members of the House and our guests from the Senate please take their seats? Mr. Clerk, is a quorum of the House present?"

Clerk Bolin: "A quorum of the House is present."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. President, is a quorum of the Senate present in this chamber?"

President Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A quorum of the Senate is present."

Speaker Madigan: "There being a quorum of the House and a quorum of the Senate in attendance, this Joint Session is convened. We'd like to recognize certain dignitaries who have joined us today. First, the Chief of Staff to Governor Rauner, Mike Zolnierowicz. Mike, there you are. The Lieutenant Governor, Evelyn Sanguinetti. The Attorney General, Lisa Madigan. The Secretary of State, Jesse White. The Comptroller, Leslie Munger. The Treasurer, Mike Frerichs. From the Supreme Court, Justice Lloyd Karmeier. The Auditor General, Bill Holland. The Superintendent of the State Board of Education, Chris Koch. We're very pleased to have with us in the well, the wife of the Governor, Mrs. Diana Rauner. The chair of the Arts Council and the mother of Lisa Madigan, Shirley Madigan. The House recognizes the Majority Leader, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the adoption of Joint Session Resolution 1."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read Joint Session Resolution #1."

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Clerk Bolin: "Joint Session Resolution #1.

RESOLVED, That a committee of ten be appointed, five from the House by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate by the President of the Senate, to wait upon Governor Bruce Rauner and invite him to address the Joint Assembly."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie has moved for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to the Resolution, the following are appointed as a committee to escort the Governor. The appointments from the House will be Representative Fran Hurley, Representative LaShawn Ford, Representative Larry Walsh, Representative Mark Batinick and Representative Sheri Jesiel."

President Cullerton: "The appointments from the Senate are Senator Michael Hastings, Senator John Sullivan, Senator Patricia Van Pelt, Senator Kyle McCarter and Senator Chris Nybo."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escorts please convene at the rear of the chamber and await the Governor. Please convene at the rear of the chamber. The Doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Governor of the State of Illinois, Bruce Rauner, and his party wish to be admitted to this chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "Admit the Governor. Mr. Governor, please proceed."

Governor Rauner: "Good afternoon. President Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, Leader Radogno, Leader Durkin, Lieutenant Governor Sanguinetti, Attorney General Madigan, Secretary White, Comptroller Munger, Treasurer Frerichs, Members of the

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General Assembly, thank you all for your service. To our distinguished guests and to members of the media, thank you for attending today. It's an honor to stand before you. Today marks a new beginning for Illinois and a new partnership between the General Assembly and the Governor. Last November, voters made it clear they want bipartisan government. They want a government where people come together to solve problems and get things done. They don't want partisan bickering, political infighting or personal conflict to get in the way of serving the needs of the families of Illinois. All of us were elected to do a job, to deliver real results, to serve the people of Illinois to the best of our ability. Thank you. All of us have a duty to serve all the people of Illinois, those who voted for us as well as those who did not vote for us. The good Lord didn't make us Republicans or Democrats. He made us in His image to do His work, to help each other, to make the world a better place. We all have a moral duty to serve the long-term interests of the people of Illinois, to focus on the next generation, not the next election. I am personally committed to working closely with you, each and every one of you, meeting together, solving problems together, listening and learning from each other. Together, we will do great things for the people of Illinois. We will once again make Illinois the greatest state in the greatest nation on earth. The task ahead of us is daunting. We have no time to waste. At the beginning of today's Session you... each of you should have received a copy of our policy agenda. It is bold, aggressive and comprehensive. It is both very necessary and very doable. In our agenda, each of you will

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probably see some things you don't like, but each of you will certainly see many things that you like a lot. We should consider it as a whole, not as a list of individual initiatives. We must choose to see the big picture; an overall package, that will lift up all of the people we've been chosen to represent. With that as our common goal, there is no doubt that we can together, as partners, get big things done. Let us commit to doing the people's work. Over the past dozen years, 275 thousand more people decided to leave Illinois than chose to come here. That's like the cities of Springfield, Decatur and Champaign all completely disappearing. And over that same time period, the states around us have been kicking our tails. The worst performing of our neighboring states has had six and a half times the job growth per thousand people as Illinois has had. Iowa has had more than 15 times the job growth that we've had. Last summer, I met the Gryp family. Michael, Andrea and their children are some of the luckier ones. Michael lives in Illinois and he wants to stay here, but after getting laid off, he couldn't find a job near home. Now, he must commute one hour and twenty minutes to his office in Williamsburg, Iowa. The Gryp's loyalty and family roots have kept them in Illinois, but they wonder how much longer they can last, and whether their children can find good careers here. And there are families like the Gryp's in every community in Illinois. It's time to give them hope. It's time to give them the opportunity to stay. Our top priority must be making Illinois competitive again, to grow more jobs here. To become more competitive, we must look to the structural impediment to our

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economic growth. Our workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and liability costs all rank among the worst in America. Those costs add up to far more than just numbers on an accountant's balance sheet. They impact real people with real jobs and real families. Onesimo Guitierrez is in the gallery today. For 18 years, Onesimo has worked at the Sealy Mattress Factory in Batavia. Recently he got a letter saying their plant is being moved to Indiana and the plant in Illinois is expected to close this spring. It is heartbreaking that what is happening to Onesimo is happening to countless others throughout our state. Two and a half years ago, Modern Forge Company, a 100-year-old, family-owned manufacturing business, began moving its operations to Indiana from Blue Island, Illinois. Modern Forge employs 230 people. In Illinois, it paid between \$700 thousand and \$1.5 million a year in workers' comp premiums. In Indiana, the same premium is \$250 thousand. Modern Forge is competing with manufacturers across the country that don't have Illinois's costs. Modern Forge needed to move to stay competitive. Since then, they've hired 100 new Indiana workers, and today almost half of its workforce lives in Indiana. Leaders in both political Parties, including Attorney General Madigan, have advocated for much needed reforms that address the shortcomings of the workers' compensation law that was passed in 2011. Working together, we can create a commonsense system that protects fair... protects and fairly compensates those who are injured on the job, while also assuring that both public and private employers are not overburdened by an irrational system. Too many people in our communities must overcome not

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only hurdles that State Government has put in place, but also decades of hidden barriers that have caused their communities to suffer. Approximately 80 percent of individuals in Illinois apprenticeship programs are white even though Caucasians make up fewer than 63 percent of our population. Whatever the reason for this disparity, it has gone on for too long, and we must take specific, positive action to end this unfair situation. We should require unions that contract with the state to have their apprenticeship programs reflect the demographics of Illinois communities, and to have their membership on public construction projects reflect the diversity in the surrounding area. And we should create a Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Program to assist minority entrepreneurs in startups throughout Illinois. We must also help those workers who are barely getting by, by raising the minimum wage. Our Economic Growth and Jobs Package increases the minimum wage to \$10 an hour over the next seven years. Raising the minimum wage, in conjunction with improving the overall jobs climate, will make Illinois more competitive and create a booming economy while increasing incomes for hardworking Illinoisans. As we look to make Illinois more competitive, property tax relief is one of our most pressing challenges. Our property tax burden is one of the biggest impediments to growth, and it hurts both businesses and middle class families. The average homeowner in Illinois pays more than three times the amount of property taxes as a homeowner in Indiana, more than an additional \$3 thousand paid out of the family's budget every single year. Take for instance Christine Dolgopol. Christine

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is in the gallery, here with us today. She bought her home in 1978. At the time her taxes were \$1,100. By 2013, her taxes were \$4,797. Even after accounting for inflation, Christine's taxes have almost doubled, even after getting a senior exemption and almost yearly appeals. And she's not alone. Over the past decade, the average property tax bill has increased nearly 33 percent. Meanwhile, real family incomes in Illinois have gone down. Families have been left with less income and more taxes. Our property taxes are out of control and are crushing middle class families. Illinois high property taxes have skyrocketed because state and local governments have been unable or unwilling to control their own spending. We must empower taxpayers to take control of their property tax bills by giving them greater ability to control local government spending. The time has come to give the people of Illinois the ability to drive value for their tax dollars. Our agenda must be about empowerment, about empowering the people of Illinois to control their futures. Empowerment means giving local voters the ability to control the collective bargaining issues in their local government and take more responsibility for their employees' benefits. Empowerment means giving local government employees the ability to decide for themselves whether they want to join a union. Empowerment means... empowerment means giving government the ability to lower costs by reforming project labor agreements and prevailing wage requirements that block true competitive bidding. These requirements can increase the cost of taxpayer-funded construction projects by 20 percent or more. At the Illinois Tollway, uncompetitive bidding has cost

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toll payers over a billion dollars since 2005. At the Department of Transportation, uncompetitive bidding costs taxpayers more than \$100 million per year. Reforming the prevailing wage laws could save our schools nearly \$160 million every year. We must restructure the bidding for construction projects at every level of government because reforms will save taxpayers billions, and we can reinvest those billions in even more capital projects to help our schools and our communities. Empowerment means giving taxpayers the ability to consolidate local government to control costs. Illinois has the most government in the country, nearly 7 thousand local units, and the taxpayers of Illinois can no longer afford all of them. DuPage County Executive Dan Cronin is with us today in the gallery. He has already achieved significant government consolidation. To date, his reforms have generated a projected \$100 million in taxpayer savings through joint purchasing, shared services, employee benefit reforms and modifications to procurement practices. Congratulations, Dan. You're a role model for all of us. Empowerment means freeing local government from unfunded mandates imposed by the state. We impose more than 280 unfunded mandates that cost local communities billions. In the days ahead, I will be asking Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti to work with leaders like Dan Cronin on consolidation efforts as well as ways to reduce costs imposed on local governments. We must also empower voters to decide for themselves whether they want their communities to become employee empowerment zones. These zones will give employees the freedom to choose whether or not they want to join a

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union. Local communities, local voters, deserve this option so that they can compete with other states and other nations for new businesses and new investment. Employee empowerment zones will increase jobs for residents, increase economic activity for local businesses and generate more tax dollars for local governments. It's a win-win-win proposal. By implementing these reforms, we will give taxpayers and local governments the tools they need to freeze property taxes. It will allow us to begin reforming our out-of-date Tax Code. We have an antiquated tax system whose base is too narrow, and that makes us uncompetitive. Let's work together to enact a competitive, 21st century tax system for a 21st century economy. The best voter empowerment tool is term limits. Term limits overcome the power of incumbency and help bring fresh thinking to government. Let's finally give the people a chance to enact term limits by putting that Constitutional Amendment on the 2016 ballot, and let the voters decide. At the start of this Session, you received a summary of certain past conflicts of interest in Illinois State Government. We must eliminate this sort of political dealing. Government unions should not be allowed to influence the public officials they are lobbying and sitting across the bargaining table from through campaign donations and expenditures. That has been Federal Law since 1947. Government must never force its employees to fund activities they do not support. President Jimmy Carter prohibited that at the federal level in 1978. While we currently ban contributions from many businesses with state contracts, some of the largest recipients of taxpayer money, like hospitals that receive millions from

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Medicaid, are still able to funnel huge campaign donations to elected officials. Let's close the special interest loopholes by extending the prohibition on political contributions for businesses with state contracts to all organizations with a state collective bargaining agreement, and organizations funded by entities receiving state Medicaid funds. In time, we should also take another step towards trustworthy government by prohibiting trial lawyer donations to elected judges. We should move toward merit-based judicial reform as supported by the American Bar Association. We will leave no stone unturned as we look to bring good government, good management practices here to Springfield. Over the past year, there has been discussion about reforming the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. To ensure the museum and library are the world-class institutions they deserve to be, our administration is working in partnership with Speaker Madigan on a reorganization plan, and we look to have a resolution during this spring Session. And we've already spoken about the need to merge the Comptroller's Office with the Treasurer's Office. Doing so would save taxpayers \$12 million per year. That would be a fitting tribute to Judy Baar Topinka's legacy. Let's make Judy's Amendment a reality. Our state employees deserve fair, competitive wages. It's time to revamp how compensation works in State Government. Let's emphasize quality of work instead of simply longevity of work. Let's pay great state employees more for their excellent performance. And those who find innovative ways to save taxpayers money deserve to earn bonuses. As we look for... further government reform and to bring best management

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practices to our state, our criminal justice system is one area we must focus on. We have to both prevent crime from occurring and reform the parole system and the reentry process so that the same people are not returning to prison over and over. The conditions in our prisons are unacceptable. Inmates and corrections officers alike find themselves in an unsafe environment. It's wrong. We will hire more correctional officers to improve safety in our prisons. We will also continue to invest in Adult Redeploy. Since its implementation in 2011, Adult Redeploy has diverted more than 1,900 offenders into community-based programming. Congratulations to all of you in the Legislature who supported Adult Redeploy. Let's continue to build on these corrections reforms. Now, let's talk about the most important thing we do together as a community, education. I promised to increase education funding and I will keep that promise. We will increase K-12 education support. This... this increased support will particularly help our most disadvantaged school districts. And our budget will increase funding for early childhood education so that... so that more at-risk children can enter kindergarten ready to succeed. From cradle to career, our children's education needs to be our top priority. That means we must also invest in technical and vocational training. We used to emphasize these programs in our high schools and community colleges, but those efforts have been fading. Let's end the era of cutting funding for technical training and community colleges. Every child deserves access to excellent schools, but that's not what every child is getting in Illinois. Too many students are trapped in failing

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schools or schools that are not a good fit for them. We can give them better. We must give them better. Lucy Reese is with us today in the gallery. She lives in the Roseland neighborhood in Chicago and sends her children to public charter schools. She made that decision because they offer longer school days, enhanced learning opportunities and variety for her kids. Her youngest daughter has struggled in English and language arts. She currently attends Ralph Ellison Chicago Charter School, which makes sure she gets more attention in these subjects. On the other hand, her son is a junior at Gary Comer College Prep. That high school offers a much more rigorous and disciplined curriculum, perfect for his accelerated learning style. It's time we give every child and parent in Illinois the same choices Lucy has been able to make for her children. Our Student and Career Success Package will lift the cap on public charter schools and give parents and students more options. Next to being a parent, teaching is the most important job in the world. We must support our many good teachers. That means putting more resources directly into classrooms, reforming the education bureaucracy and rolling back costly mandates. Our education bureaucracy stands between state resources and the classroom. We must find ways to reduce it. Our students and teachers today are overwhelmed by too many tests. We must ensure that the amount of time we test our students doesn't get in the way of high quality instruction. Much of the reform agenda we're outlining today has been implemented in other states. The reforms are working so well in those states that they are causing us to become even less competitive. We must avoid

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slipping further behind other states in the quality of our children's education, the capacity of our economy to grow, and our ability to care for our state's most vulnerable. It's now or never for Illinois. It's time to act. All of us in this chamber were elected to deliver results, make choices and cast votes that are in the best interest of the people of Illinois. Choices about what's best for the next generation, not the next election. The time is now for all of us, Republicans and Democrats, to do big things, the right things, for the people of our great state. Now is the time for bold and decisive action. It is make or break time for the Land of Lincoln. We can reclaim our proud history as a strong and vibrant state and fulfill our destiny as a beacon of the Midwest. Illinois has a history of accomplishing big things. Yesterday, we marked the 150th anniversary of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which ended slavery. Illinois was the first state in the nation to ratify that Amendment put forward by our greatest statesman, Abraham Lincoln. When we believe in something, when we work together, we can change the course of history. The year 2018 will mark Illinois's 200th birthday. In the countdown to our Bicentennial, let's come together, Governor and Legislators, to make the tough decisions that everyone from Chicago to Cairo, Rockford to Carbondale knows we must make. This is our last best chance to get our House in order, to restore good government. Let's approach our 200th year as the great State of Illinois, as a proud people, standing tall, with eyes focused on the future. Competitiveness must become our watchword and opportunity and compassion our goals, so that we can once again become the

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place people want to come to build a better life for themselves and their families. Today marks a new beginning. I'm excited and honored to work closely with you. Together, we will get great things done for the people of Illinois. Thank you, and God bless you."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escorts please come forward to escort the Governor from the chamber? The Chair recognizes the President of the Senate, former Member of the House, John Cullerton."

President Cullerton: "I move that the Joint Session do now arise."

Speaker Madigan: "The President of the Senate has moved that the Joint Session do now arise. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Joint Session will now arise. The regular Session will come to order."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Turner in the Chair. The House will come to order. Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the House, the House shall come to order. Shall we please remove all side conversations to the rear of the chamber? On page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 12. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Joint Resolution 12 is offered by Representative Currie. It's under the Order of Resolutions."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This is just the Resolution that establishes the Joint Session for the February 18 Budget Message."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves that the House adopt House Joint Resolution 12. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'."

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In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On Supplemental Calendar #1, we have House Bill 317. Speaker Madigan. Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 317, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please hold the Bill on Order of the Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 318. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 318, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 320. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 320, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Please hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 321. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 321, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Please hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 322. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 322, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Please hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 36, offered by Representative Brauer. House Resolution 74, offered by Representative Verschoore. House Resolution 78, offered by Representative Sente. House Resolution 79, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 80, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 81, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 82, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 83, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 84, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 85, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 86, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 87, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 88, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 89, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 90, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 91, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 92, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 93, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 94, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 95, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 96, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 97, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 98, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 99, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 100, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 101, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 102, offered by

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Representative Martwick. House Resolution 103, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 104, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 105, offered by Representative Keith Wheeler. House Resolution 108, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 110, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 112, offered by Representative Costello. House Resolution 113, offered by Representative Feigenholtz. House Resolution 114, offered by Representative Batinick. House Resolution 115, offered by Representative Costello."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves that the House adopt the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, Session for Thursday is canceled. This is a reminder that Session on Thursday will be canceled. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk... allowing perfunctory time for the House, the House will adjourn until Wednesday, February 18 at the hour of 11:30 a.m. Leader Currie moves that the House adjourn until Wednesday, February 18 at the hour of 11:30 a.m. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the... the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House is adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1315, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 1316, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1317, offered by Representative

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Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1318, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1319, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1320, offered by Representative Wehrli, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1321, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1322, offered by Representative Barbara Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1323, offered by Representative Yingling, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1324, offered by Representative Ives, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1325, offered by Representative Ives, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1326, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1327, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1328, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1329, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1330, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1331, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1332, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning probate proceedings. House Bill 1333, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1334, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits, which

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may also be referred to as the Retirement Means Retirement Act. House Bill 1335, offered by Representative Greg Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1336, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 1337, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1338, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1339, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1340, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1341, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1342, offered by Representative Brown, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1343, offered by Representative Brown, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1344, offered by Representative Greg Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1345, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1346, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1347, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1348, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1349, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1350, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1351, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1352, offered by

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Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1353, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1354, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1355, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1356, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1357, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 1358, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1359, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1360, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1361, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1362, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1363, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1364, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1365, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1366, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1367, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 1368, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1369, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1370, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for

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an Act concerning education. House Bill 1371, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."