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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 23, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 248, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 437, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2477, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3110, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3234, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3599, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3695, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3764, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3823. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 24, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 318."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We'll be led in prayer today by Pastor Tim McCormick, who is with Kingdom Authority Ministries International in Springfield. Pastor McCormick is the guest of Representative Butler. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor McCormick."

Pastor McCormick: "Thank you. Let us pray. Heavenly Father, I come before You and thank You for this day that You have given us. I rejoice in You for giving us another day to come before You in the earth. I thank You for the good health and the blessings that You have bestowed upon this great State of Illinois. Lord, I come to You now and I pray that You would

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open our eyes to see this morning, that You would open our ears to hear, and our minds to comprehend, and our hearts to believe the truth that You have set before us, Father. For truly, the question that You have asked is why did the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing, and the kings of the earth set themselves together in array, and the rulers take counsel against You, Lord, and Your anointing saying let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us. Lord, let us see every way that we have offended You, every way that we have opposed You, Father, for truly You sit in the heavens. And You shall laugh and You shall hold those who oppose You in derision, Father, You shall speak to them in Your wrath and You shall distress them in Your deep displeasure for You have set Your king upon Your holy hill of Zion, the one who rules over all of creation. Today, God, I pray open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, and our hearts to believe Your truth, Your holiness, and Your righteousness for You have declared the decree that the Lord has said unto me. Today... today, You are my son and I have begotten You. Ask of me and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance and the other most parts of the earth. Lord, I believe that this is a nation of leadership. This is a state of leadership. This is a state that will lead the nations, Father, in integrity, truth, and righteousness. So I pray, Lord, today open our eyes that we might see, open our ears that we might hear, that our minds would be able to comprehend, and our hearts to believe all of Your truth, all of Your righteousness, and all of Your holiness, Lord. For those who oppose Your will, Lord, You

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said that You will break with a rod of iron and dash them to pieces as a potters vessel. Now therefore, be wise, oh kings of the earth, be wise, leaders of the people, be wise, people of Illinois. Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice before him with trembling. For truly, God will bless the righteous and those who do his will. Lord, I ask you again, please open our eyes today to see, open our ears to hear, open our minds to comprehend, and open our hearts to believe Your truth, Your righteousness, and the holy path. I ask this today in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We'll be led in the Pledge by Representative Stewart."

Stewart - 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 Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that not a single House Democrat is excused today."

Speaker Lang: "As it should be. Leader Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Representative Sosnowski has an excused absence today. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 117 House Members in attendance, and we do have a quorum. Chair recognizes Representative Sente."

Sente: "Thank you. On behalf of Leader Sullivan and myself, I'd like to offer a warm Swing.. Springfield welcome to Village Trustee from Mundelein, Holly Kim, and her husband, Ken Ning. Their daughters, Wendy and Kelly, are here as Pages today and

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their brother is up in the gallery, Malachi, watching. So welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you, Representative. Mr. Meier."

Meier: "Yes, point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Meier: "I, too, would like to recognize a group.. a group that's very near and near to me, the group representing 4-H. I'm a past 4-H member and still a 4-H leader. So we have the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Legislative Connection event being held today and tomorrow at the Capitol. Over 40 4-H members from Illinois's 4-H Youth Leadership Team and a Speaking for Illinois 4-H program will be visiting Members of the House of Representatives. These youth are from 25 different counties throughout the state's rural and metropolitan areas and represent nearly 200 thousand 4-H participants in all 102 counties. Working with the teens this week are Dr. George Czapar, Patricia McGlaughlin, Deb Stocker, and Erica Austin of the University of Illinois Extension. And Jeanne Harland, Jerry Hicks, and Pam Weber, members of the Extension Partners, along with the 4-H parents and volunteers. So, thank you for being in Illinois and in our Capitol today."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield. Thank you, Mr. Meier. Chair recognizes Representative Bryant."

Bryant: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, please."

Bryant: "I wanted to recognize my Page for the day, Reese Rodely. Reese is from Du Quoin, Illinois and he's joined in the gallery by his mom and dad, Michelle and Bruce Rodely, and

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his sister Reagan. And I just tell you, Bru... Reese is a very good example of what is good and right about deep southern Illinois, and I am very privileged to have him here with us today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "We are as well, thank you. Welcome. Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Leader. Rise for a point of privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Ammons: "Thank you. I'd like for the General Assembly to help welcome my 13-year-old son, Amir Ammons. He's here to serve us all week. And I hope that he is certainly accessible and available to you. Please welcome 7th grade Amir Ammons."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for being with us today. Mr. Mitchell."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Mitchell, B.: "Today, I would like to introduce to the House a young man, Thomas Young. Mr. Young is from Monticello, and his grandparents are in the gallery. So if they would stand up, let's give a big Illinois House welcome to these folks. Thanks for coming."

Speaker Lang: "Hello. Welcome to the House chamber. Representative Mussman."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Mussman: "So I just wanted us to welcome my Page for the day, and his father. This is Robert Grasse, and his father's up in the gallery, Ed Grasse. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Happy you're here with us. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Dan Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on March 24, 2015: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 317, and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 318."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "I just want to ask the.. I'm sorry. Point of personal privilege. I'd like to ask everybody just to welcome my intern for the week, Chris Patterson. He is up in the gallery. He is going to be following me around to all the committees this week learning about all of our wonderful legislative procedures. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, happy you're with us. On page 6 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 2416, Leader Durkin. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2416, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. And on page 8 of the Calendar there appears House Bill 3093, Leader Durkin. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3093, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. On page 4 of the Calendar, House Bill 318. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 318, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Speaker Madigan."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. This Amendment was approved in the House Executive Committee today. I'd appreciate it if we could add the Amendment and then discuss the Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Speaker Madigan."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Same request."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 318, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Everybody in this chamber knows that we face a \$1.6 billion deficit before we can close the books on the current fiscal year, fiscal year '15. In order to avoid the disaster of entering budget discussions for the next fiscal year, the Governor, and the Leadership, the Republicans, and the Democrats have

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come together to try to find a way to fill the gap so that we can start discussions about the next budget year with a clean slate. The provisions of House Bill 318 as amended do exactly that. The \$1.6 billion hole would be filled in several ways. First, we would use money in special funds that are not currently allocated and not needed to be used for those fund purposes. One point three billion dollars would be set aside to take care of our General Revenue Fund responsibilities. In addition, we would impose a 2.25 percent cut, not quite across the board but close, in the remainder of the fiscal year for all programs. The programs that would not be cut include pensions, include health care for state employees and would not include services to the mentally ill, the developmentally disabled, and to autistic children. But doing those items would make it possible for us to finish the year without finding ourselves behind the eight ball in fiscal '16. The Bill, additionally, would take care of our responsibilities to people who provide child care services in the State of Illinois. We would appropriate some \$266 million to meet those needs for the remainder of the fiscal year. We would provide more than \$100 million to the Department of Corrections to pay for guards. We would also fund court reporters. And in order to make sure that there is flexibility in the budget for the Governor, for the remainder of the year we would expand flexibility so that instead of a 2 percent opportunity to transfer funds from one line to another, there would be a 4 percent transferability. As well, we would give the Governor a \$97 million lump sum so, to the extent that the State Board of Education identifies school districts at the absolute

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brink of financial disaster, that money can help fill the gap. And we would give the Governor additional flexibility by providing some \$90 million so that he may fill other holes as they could develop in the budget between now and June 30. Speaker and Members of the House, we're in a crisis in the State of Illinois. We are in an emergency and anybody who is a grown up and is prepared to behave like a grown up should vote 'yes' on House Bill 318. It is a painful vote, but the pain is not as bad as it might have been. More than 80 percent of the filling of this budget gap will come from using special funds not needed for their intended purposes. Yes, there is pain in the 2.25 percent across the board cut, but that pain is mitigated in that most of the funding is not coming from the vulnerable, the fragile, the people who depend upon us in order to be able to make it in this world. If we do not vote 'yes' on House Bill 318, think of the cuts we will be forced to make in fiscal '16, the budget that begins July 1, 2015. Think how much more deeply we will help... have to hurt the people who are vulnerable and fragile; people in nursing homes, people on Medicaid, people who are... are waiting for services from the State Department of Children and Family Services and so forth. So I would be happy to answer your questions, but I have to say to each and every one of you, you came here to do what's needed to be done for the people of the State of Illinois. And unfortunately, I think you have to vote 'yes' for a Third Reading passage of House Bill 318. I invite your questions and I welcome your support."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Durkin."

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Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield? Majority Leader Currie, I have a few questions and I'll have a few statements after that, but I just want to get into the issue of the sweeps. Now, it's my understanding that any of these funds... these funds that are being used in which we're taking moneys from, none of them will be zeroed out from this legislation. Is that correct?"

Currie: "All of them are... are perfectly fine. And we have a failsafe in the Bill so that in the event there was some encumbrance on a particular fund that the Governor's Office of Manage... Management and Budget..."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen..."

Currie: "...will be able to make that whole."

Speaker Lang: "Excuse me, Leader Currie. This is one of our more important debates. Could we just hold it down to a dull roar, Ladies and Gentlemen, for at least a few minutes? Please proceed, Leader. I'm sorry to interrupt you."

Durkin: "That's all right. Representative Currie, again, that... the funds are being swept. Those funds will not be zeroed out from this legislation. And the Governor's Office, my understanding is that they believe that the moneys which we are taking are surplus over the next three months."

Currie: "That's exactly right."

Durkin: "This is just sweeps that will occur under the balance of this fiscal year, correct?"

Currie: "Exactly right. And again, if... if there's something that we didn't know was encumbered that the... the Office of Management and Budget will be able to pay that responsibility."

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Durkin: "Thank you. I also want to make it perfectly clear that over the last few weeks, I think all us have been visited by many of our municipalities and our local government leaders with grave concerns about any cuts to the Local Government Distribution Fund. That is not... we are not taking any money from LGDF. Is that correct?"

Currie: "Statutory transfers will continue and that would include the Local Government Distributive Fund."

Durkin: "The OSLAD grants will not be affected by this as well, correct?"

Currie: "One of... yeah... the fund that is not being swept is the Open Space and Land Acquisition Fund."

Durkin: "There is no borrowing in House Bill 318 or 3... in any legislation which we are going to pass today, correct?"

Currie: "Absolutely right, which is important if the goal is to make sure we start the next budget year discussions without being encumbered by earlier responsibilities."

Durkin: "Thank you. To the Bill. And I'm glad that Majority Leader Currie made fact of the mat... of the issue that we are here today to be the adults in the building. And I will say that the House Republican Caucus, for the last two and a half months, have prepared to be the adults in the building. And we will be the adults today. Now my... my thoughts, and I just hope that my friends on the other side of the aisle just take a moment and just think about this. We all know what happened at the end of last May. There was a budget that was passed; it was unbalanced. That's why we have a problem today. Problems need to be fixed. But let's just go back in history a little bit and let's talk about the time in 2009 when there

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was a crisis of confidence in the State of Illinois in this building. Mr. Speaker, can you bring some order to this chamber?"

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen, the Minority Leader needs to be heard on this issue. Could we please give him your attention?"

Durkin: "As I stated, there was a crisis of confidence in this building with the impeachment removal of Rod Blagojevich, not only just ethics that went through this building, but also the fiscal state that was left for Governor Quinn. Governor Quinn soon afterwards realized that he had a very diff... difficult situation and he asked for emergency budget relief from this chamber. That was in 2009, folks. Republicans, at that point, we're able and we decided that we were going to a extend courtesy, a huge courtesy, to that new Governor to help him work and manage that budget. And in 2009, when the budget... Emergency Budget Act was presented on this floor, it was a unanimous vote. Unanimous vote by Republicans. So my friends over there who today are thinking that they're not going to support this, I'm asking you to extend the same courtesy to our Governor, our new Governor who has inherited the mess, a \$1.6 billion unbalanced budget that he inherited the second week of January, I'm asking you to the extend... asking you to extend the same courtesy which we extended to Governor Quinn in 2009 when he became... when he was a new Governor in the State of Illinois. The circumstances are not much different, folks, but I'm asking every one of you on the other side of the aisle to support this. As I said earlier, do what we did for you in 2009 for your Democrat Governor.

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I'm asking everyone in this chamber to support this legislation."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you. Some questions of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed. Sponsor yields."

Mautino: "Majority Leader, thank you, for bringing forward the legislation before us today, and for Leader Durkin, and for those Members of Leadership, and the agencies, the Governor's Office that have worked together to bring a... an idea forward to be able to fund the balance of this year. We have had many... many difficult budget years. And not just going back to 2009, but if you go back to the Emergency Budget Act of 1992 under Edgar, the collapse of the state economy under Ryan. About every decade through here we have come through with Emergency Budget Acts. Today, we're allowing for sweeps. And so, to that question... and throughout the years I've run many of the sweeps Bills; sweeps, administrative chargebacks, and we have always placed protections into those Bills. And so, what I would like to ask the Majority Leader is for the purposes of the sweeps themselves, in the past, we have language which has said if the Bureau of Management and Budget overreaches on a sweep and that agency cannot fulfill its mission, what is the process or is there a process in the Bill to put that money back?"

Currie: "There is, and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget has authority under this Bill to see to it that encumbered funds are spent even if the fund they were supposed to come from was swept today."

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Mautino: "In the language of the Bill, do you also have protections for... there... there are many funds throughout the... the thousands of funds that we deal with that are designated by federal dollars. Bullet taxes, those items which can be used only specifically to purchase lands otherwise we lose those parks and have to return the lands and properties. In the past, we have placed those protections inside there. Are they in this Bill?"

Currie: "They are in this Bill. There is a failsafe. If federal dollars would be denied because of the sweep, the money goes right back in."

Mautino: "Now, in the past budgets from last year, we had dollars for school districts, and especially looking at downstate school districts, who, because we have had to, over the past five or six budgets, reduce transportation reimbursements, rely on them to utilize some of their reserves, about two-thirds or better of the downstate school districts find themselves this year in deficit. Now my understanding is, though the cuts will require about \$150 million, the Governor will have discretion through the state board for those school districts to seek dollars. Can you tell me how that works?"

Currie: "It will work because the Governor will have \$97 million in... in a bucket devoted to elementary and secondary schools. The State Board of Education will establish an application process so that schools that find themselves on the very brink will be able to apply and the Governor will be able to meet their immediate needs out of that additional money. We are giving the Governor flexibility. Flexibility so that, if there are unintended consequences, he has an additional \$90

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million available to be able to fill gaps and he has 97 million available beyond the school aid formula to help schools that find themselves on the brink of closure."

Mautino: "We have also given this administration additional authority to move money within agencies, I believe, on operational lines. And with this we had given to... during all times of crises, both parties: Edgar, Ryan, Blagojevich, Quinn, whenever we had those, we always have had the ability to move at least 2 percent that the Governor had in his authority. What have you done with this Bill?"

Currie: "And under this Bill, the Governor will have instead a 4 percent flexibility. And we've done even more than that for some Governors in times past."

Mautino: "Thank you. I appreciate your work and the work of Leader Durkin, and the Governor's Office as well on a very, very difficult Bill. I do rise to support your legislation today. We need to do that as we go forward into 2016, which will be brutal. And this brought forward and was made necessary because of the rolling back of the tax increase; there was 1.2 billion. What I would ask the Governor's Office and all of the Members to look at is in the course of the Bill, there is a billion three in sweeps and there is about \$300 million in cuts, so it does fill the \$1.6 billion hole. What I think the Members should take a look in your own districts about is, in addition to that money, there has been funds and projects which are stopped and suspended. That's over and above 1.6 billion. So, I think you're going to want to check the status on those to make sure that your cities, once reviewed, do receive that funding they were counting on. And

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with that, I would... I'm going to vote for your legislation and look forward to working into 2016, where we'll need to talk about additional cuts and about revenue."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative... well, Majority Leader, thank you for carrying this. And I didn't know much about this Bill until I read about it in *Capitol Fax* this morning. And that bothers me 'cause I'd like to be more involved and when we hear about these things... and you know, I don't want to go back to the days when... when George Ryan did the budgets and they were all done with closed doors, you know, and we have these agreements. Because I believe the Speaker has really opened up the process in the last few years and I'd like to see it remain so. So, I'm not sure I understand this Bill completely and I want to ask some questions on it. The 2.25 percent cut that we're talking about equates to \$300 million. Is that correct?"

Currie: "Yes."

Franks: "Now, I'm not sure how that works. Is it the 2.25 percent? Is that annualized or does..."

Currie: "No."

Franks: "...the 2.25 all..."

Currie: "Two... 2.25 percent reduction in current year spending."

Franks: "So, we only have a few months left in the current year."

Currie: "That's right."

Franks: "So, for a full year it would... it would then equate to about .6..."

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Currie: "Two point two..."

Franks: "...06?"

Currie: "It's 2.25 percent across the year."

Franks: "Across the year."

Currie: "Right."

Franks: "But it's all going to be put in in these last three months?"

Currie: "And for many that'll... that will work. People... the providers are on different kinds of schedules and so forth and so on. Some agencies have been reserving money for some time."

Franks: "Okay. Are we making sure that we're not going to lose any federal matches?"

Currie: "Yes. We have two provisions, one has to do with the sweeps. If any of the money that is swept turns out to be important for garnering federal funds, OMB will have the authority to go back in and spend the money. Second, when it comes to changes in the Medicaid program, if the Federal Government says you can't do this or you risk federal reimbursement, then that cut will be rescinded."

Franks: "And I understand that part of the sweeps we're looking at are the Road Funds and that's a large..."

Currie: "The what? Yeah. Yeah."

Franks: "...the Road Funds which are about a quarter of a billion dollars. How will that affect..."

Currie: "I'm sorry. Would you start that question over?"

Franks: "I'm sorry. One of the funds that I see are looking to be swept is the Road Fund, and that's about a quarter of a billion dollars. How will that affect any existing projects?"

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Currie: "I have here a letter from the acting Con... Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Transportation. The results of the revised model with this legislation show that while the projected available balances are lower at set forth, they are still positive. Even with the proposed sweeps, the department would still be able to match all of its currently expected federal funds and deliver the FY16 annual element of the highway program at the introduced level of \$1.85 billion."

Franks: "And would that also hold true for the Motor Fuel Tax besides the Road Fund?"

Currie: "Yes. The Road Fund, the State Construction Account Fund, and the Motor Fuel Tax Fund."

Franks: "Can I ask you about the school funding. Because I believe there is some cuts to school funding, but I also understand there's a separate pot of money being put back in to get people to the... I'm sorry... to the bottom line where they have to be for the school state aid. Could you explain that to me?"

Currie: "Yeah. So, yes, there is a cut in school funding as there is across the board for most programs. But there is also an additional \$97 million that the Governor may use at his discretion working with the State Board of Education if there are some school districts that are so adversely affected by these cuts that they are close to closing their doors."

Franks: "Okay. Are there... are there any reduction in the Local Distribution Fund to our municipalities?"

Currie: "No."

Frank: "Okay. Okay. Well, I appreciate your answers. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Lang: "Speaker Madigan to close."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, let me compliment Representative Currie for a very good explanation of the Bill. Let me compliment Leader Durkin for speaking directly to the heart of the issue. This is a request from our new Governor, Governor Rauner. The Governor claims that the current budget, the current budget for this fiscal year, is \$1.6 billion out of balance. No one, no one in the Legislature has contested the Governor's claim; and therefore, we ought to proceed on the understanding the claim of a \$1.6 billion out of balance is accurate. This Bill addresses that problem. It does a variety of cuts. Of course, we would rather not do the cuts, but as Representative Currie explained, over 80 percent of the correction in the Bill comes from special funds. Money sitting in accounts where a determination has been made that the money in the accounts will not be needed for the balance of this fiscal year. Eighty percent of the correction comes from special funds. The remainder comes from cuts. At one point, the proposal was that the cuts would be across the board, now there are exceptions. Three notable exceptions would be developmentally disabled, mental health, and the autism program. At the same time, in a later Bill, we will address the current need for additional funding in child care, at the Department of Corrections to make prison payrolls, and in the area of court reporters for the court system. This is not a perfect Bill. It's not a perfect solution. Some might say it's not pretty, but it responds to the Governor's request. It responds to the

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problem. It ought to be supported. I recommend an 'aye' vote.  
Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Fine, Franks, Moylan, Thapedi. Mr. Moylan. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 69 voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 3 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, House Bill 317, Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 317, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Speaker Madigan."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Adoption of Amendment 1, then we can discuss the Bill on Third."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 317, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. This is the... the companion Appropriations Bill to the substantive Bill we just adopted. I ask for your support. Happy to answer your questions. I'll take the same Roll Call."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed... Please hold that, Mr. Clerk. Let's try this again. Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Gable, Golar, Jackson, Mayfield, Thapedi. Mr. Thapedi. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting 'yes', 45 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 19 of the Calendar, under the Order of Motions in Writing, there are several Bills where Sponsors have filed written Motions to Table. We'll do these in one Motion. House Bill 2428, Mr. Kay; House Bill 2437, Mr. Kay; House Bill 2764 Mr. Kay; House Bill 2784, Mr. Kay; House Bill 3367, Mr. Zalewski; House Bill 3935, Mr. Zalewski; House Bill 4012, Leader Feigenholtz. Each of these Members has moved to table their Bill. Is there leave? Seeing no objection, leave is granted. And each of these Bills is tabled. On page 17 on the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, there appears House Joint Resolution 15, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 15, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, Beiser, and Hammond, designates the section of U.S. Route 67 between Liberty Road and Interstate 72 near Jacksonville as the 'Dick Rawlings Memorial Highway'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You may recall last Session we passed a Resolution mourning the loss of a good friend of mine, Dick Rawlings. I will not go through all of the things that Dick Rawlings has done for the State of Illinois, for my

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community, and the surrounding area, but I think this is something that we weren't able to get through last time. We are naming U.S. Route 67 between Liberty Road and Interstate 72 near Jacksonville as the 'Dick Rawlings Memorial Highway'. And this is something that's very deserving, as I said last time. Dick has done so much for Corridor 67, the entire west side of the state. I think you can tell as I thank Representative Beiser and Representative Hammond for joining me in this. Today, we are joined by members of Dick Rawlings' family; his wife, Diane Rawlings, his daughter, Monica, and her husband, Chris, and his mother, Elaine. We have his son, Michael and we also have Dick's grandchildren, Jackson and Diane. We're also joined by friends of Dick Rawlings, Jim and Kay Bruner right up here in the Speaker's Gallery. This is truly an opportunity to celebrate the life of a man who did so much for my community and for our state. And I appreciate all the help getting this through. I appreciate his family for letting him... letting us have him and we also mourn his loss, but we cel... celebrate all the things that he's done for all of us. And with that, I ask for a short moment of silence."

Speaker Lang: "Body will be in a moment of silence. Thank you, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Mr. Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? I've known Dick Rawlings for the better part of the last 20 years through my work with Congressman LaHood and Congressman Davis. Dick, he always had a smile on his face. He's a wonderful man. He was a great County Commissioner in Morgan County. And projects like 67, Route 67 in western Illinois, they need a real champion that wakes up every day and goes to

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bat for these issues. Dick Rawlings was just that kind of man. He went to bat for 67; he went to bat for Morgan County. I'm happy that his family is here today. He was a wonderful, wonderful man. He's a loss for our area, but I'm proud to be able to call Dick Rawlings a good friend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'present'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 141, Representative Lilly. Please proceed."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly, today I present House Resolution 141 which designates March as Poison Prevention Month. March, as Poison Prevention Month, will promote Illinoisans to educate themselves about potential harmful substance in their home and take steps to create a healthy, safe, and playful work environment in their communities. Also, as you may know, 50 percent of more than 800 thousand poisons involve children under the age of five and they can be perme... prevented. Therefore, today I would also like to thank the Illinois Poison Center for providing timely poison prevention education and treatment to the people of Illinois for over the past 60 years. They are one of the oldest and largest poison prevent... poison centers in the nation. In the gallery today, we do have some of their representation; Dr. Carol DesLauriers, Vickie Dance, and Connie Fischbein. Can we give them a Springfield welcome, please? They have been working diligently to make sure that our homes, our communities are

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safe from poisons. With that being said, and there's no question, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 155, Mr. Moffitt. Please proceed, Sir."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Reso... and I thank you for your accommodation and the Chief of Staff. House Resolution 155 calls for a study of exposure to depleted uranium by our soldiers. Up in the balcony, we have the mother of a soldier who died after serving 26 months in Iraq. I would like to... and it would be very brief. I would like for Kim Schisler to stand up. Kim, stand up, if you would. And could I have the Body's attention? This is a mother... mother of a soldier that died after serving 26 months in Iraq due to exposure to depleted uranium. She's asking for a study; that's what this does. I will just tell you Kim Schisler's the daughter of a former Member of the Illinois House, Gale Schisler, also former Member of Congress from Illinois. Kim, thank you for your son's service, and what... thank you for bringing your... our attention to this, the need to study this. And so, that's what it is. It's an honor and a tribute to you and to your son to... to call for this study. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Moffitt. Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Chair recognizes Mr. Sullivan for an introduction."

Sullivan: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

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Sullivan: "I would like to welcome to the Body, Adam and Alex Gaffney. Many would know that name as former Member Kent Gaffney and his wife Elizabeth, they're up in the gal... up in the gallery. And their two young lads are here as Pages for a day. Thank you very much. Give them a good welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome aboard. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 307, offered by Representative Franks. House Resolution 308, offered by Representative Stewart. House Resolution 309, offered by Representative Scherer. House Resolution 310, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 311, offered by Representative Martwick. And House Resolution 312, offered by Representative Feigenholtz."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements. Members, please pay attention to the Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Tomorrow morning, Labor & Commerce will be meeting at 8:30 in the morning. Labor & Commerce is meeting at 8:30, not 8:00. Meeting at 1:00 this afternoon is Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education in C-1, Agriculture & Conservation in D-1, Insurance in Room 114, Juvenile Justice & System-Involved Youth in 115, Public Utilities in Room 413, Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges in 118. Meeting at 3:30 is Cities & Villages in 122, Consumer Protection in C-1, Environment in 413, Health Care Availability and Accessibility in Room 115, and Judiciary-Criminal in D-1."

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Speaker Lang: "And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Wednesday, March 25 at the hour of 1 p.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned 'til tomorrow, Wednesday, March 21 at the hour... 25 at the hour of 1 p.m."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4196, offered by Representative Meier, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. First Reading of this House Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."