Provisional Clerk Hollman: "All assembled in this auditorium, give attention. The Secretary of State, the Honorable Jesse White, sends greetings and proclaims: that this day, the second Wednesday of January 2019, is the day fixed for the convening of the House of Representatives of the 101st General Assembly of the State of Illinois pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution. The Provisional Doorkeeper is directed to clear the aisles."

Provisional Doorkeeper Crawford: "Will all those not entitled to the stage please retire from it. Will all Representatives-Elect be assembled on the stage?"

Provisional Clerk Hollman: "At the Speaker's rostrum ready to convene the House of Representatives of the 101st General Assembly of the great State of Illinois is the Secretary of State, the Honorable Jesse White."

Secretary White: "Thank you. The House of Representatives of the 101st General Assembly of the State of Illinois will come to order. Welcome. We are gathered today for the purpose of convening the Illinois House of Representatives for the 101st General Assembly and electing from our membership the Speaker of the House of Representatives as presiding officer. Today's proceedings are governed by the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 100th General Assembly pursuant to Section 3 of the General Assembly Operations Act. To begin, we shall be led in prayer by Father Michael Caruso of Saint Ignatius Prep High School in Chicago. Will the Members and their guests please stand and remain standing until after the Pledge of Allegiance."
Father Caruso: "Good morning. And let us pray. We read in Psalm 19 the law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The statutes of the Lord are true, all of them just. More desirable than gold than a hoard of purest gold. Sweeter also than honey or drippings from the comb. By them your servants are warned obeying them brings much reward. Almighty God, we thank you for showering your blessings upon this our beloved nation and this House of Representatives. Bless all here present and all across this great land who work hard for the day when a greater portion of your justice and a more ample measure of your care for the poor and suffering may prevail in our State of Illinois. Help us to see that a society's greatness is found above all in the respect it shows for the weakest and neediest among us. And so Lord, as we begin afresh this day we ask that you bless the men and women of this gathering who have answered the call to public service. Especially in this House we ask your blessing upon our government in the state, our newly elected Governor, Governor Pritzker and here in the House under the leader of Michael Madigan. Bless all elected officials, those who have served in the past, and those who have answered the call. Be with their families and the people that they represent. May our time together this morning launch a new day of hope, healing, and justice for our State of Illinois. And we make this prayer in your holy name, Amen."
Secretary White: "Thank you very much, Father. Will the Dean of the House, Representative Michael J. Madigan, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance? You may be seated. For the duration of the organization proceedings..."

Representative-Elect Madigan – 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."

Secretary White: "You may be seated. For the duration of this organizational proceedings, I have appointed the following provisional officers: John W. Hollman for Provisional Clerk; Lee Crawford as Provisional Doorkeeper; and Justin Cox as Provisional Parliamentarian. We have joining with us some distinguished guests from the State of Illinois: Governor-Elect J.B. Pritzker, Lieutenant Governor-Elect Juliana Stratton, Attorney General-Elect Kwame Raoul, Comptroller Susana Mendoza, Auditor General Frank Mautino, Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kilbride, Supreme Court Justice Scott Neville. Provisional Clerk Hollman will call the roll of the Members elected to the 101st General Assembly. Each Member in attendance shall answer 'present'. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll."

Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Carol Ammons."
Representative-Elect Ammons: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Jamie M. Andrade, Jr."
Representative-Elect Andrade, Jr.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Luis Arroyo."
Representative-Elect Arroyo: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Darren Bailey."
Representative-Elect Bailey: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Mark Batinick."
Representative-Elect Batinick: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Thomas M. Bennett."
Representative-Elect Bennett: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Avery Bourne."
Representative-Elect Bourne: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Dan Brady."
Representative-Elect Brady: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Monica Bristow."
Representative-Elect Bristow: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Terri Bryant."
Representative-Elect Bryant: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Kelly M. Burke."
Representative-Elect Burke: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Tim Butler."
Representative-Elect Butler: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "John M. Cabello."
Representative-Elect Cabello: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Jonathan Carroll."
Representative-Elect Carroll: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Kelly M. Cassidy."
Representative-Elect Cassidy: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Dan Caulkins."
Representative-Elect Caulkins: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Linda Chapa LaVia."
Representative-Elect Chapa LaVia: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Andrew S. Chesney."
Representative-Elect Chesney: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "John Connor."
Representative-Elect Connor: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Deb Conroy."
Representative-Elect Conroy: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Melissa Conyears-Ervin."
Representative-Elect Conyears-Ervin: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Jerry Costello, II."
Representative-Elect Costello, II: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Fred Crespo."
Representative-Elect Crespo: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "John C. D'Amico."
Representative-Elect D'Amico: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Christopher 'C.D.' Davidsmeyer."
Representative-Elect Davidsmeyer: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "William 'Will' Davis."
Representative-Elect Davis: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Anthony DeLuca."
Representative-Elect DeLuca: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Tom Demmer."
Representative-Elect Demmer: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Daniel Didech."
Representative-Elect Didech: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Jim Durkin."
Representative-Elect Durkin: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Mary Edly-Allen."
Representative-Elect Edly-Allen: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Marcus C. Evans, Jr."
Representative-Elect Evans, Jr.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Sara Feigenholtz."
Representative-Elect Feigenholtz: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Mary E. Flowers."
Representative-Elect Flowers: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "La Shawn K. Ford."
Representative-Elect Ford: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Randy E. Frese."
Representative-Elect Frese: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Robyn Gabel."
Representative-Elect Gabel: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz."
Representative-Elect Gong-Gershowitz: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Jehan Gordon-Booth."
Representative-Elect Gordon-Booth: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Amy L. Grant."
Representative-Elect Grant: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "LaToya N. Greenwood."
Representative-Elect Greenwood: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Will Guzzardi."
Representative-Elect Guzzardi: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Brad Halbrook."
Representative-Elect Halbrook: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Michael W. Halpin."
Representative-Elect Halpin: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Norine K. Hammond."
Representative-Elect Hammond: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Sonya Marie Harper."
Representative-Elect Harper: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Gregory Harris."
Representative-Elect Harris: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Elizabeth 'Lisa' Hernandez."
Representative-Elect Hernandez: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Jay Hoffman."
Representative-Elect Hoffman: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Terra Costa Howard."
Representative-Elect Costa Howard: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Francis Ann Hurley."
Representative-Elect Hurley: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Thaddeus Jones."
Representative-Elect Jones: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Jeff Keicher."
Representative-Elect Keicher: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Stephanie A. Kifowit."
Representative-Elect Kifowit: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Lou Lang is absent. Camille Lilly."
Representative-Elect Lilly: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Michael J. Madigan."
Representative-Elect Madigan: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Theresa Mah."
Representative-Elect Mah: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Natalie A. Manley."
Representative-Elect Manley: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Mike Marron."
Representative-Elect Marron: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Robert Martwick."
Representative-Elect Martwick: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Joyce Mason."
Representative-Elect Mason: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Rita Mayfield."
Representative-Elect Mayfield: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Deanne Marie Mazzochi."
Representative-Elect Mazzochi: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Michael P. McAuliffe."
Representative-Elect McAuliffe: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Tony M. McCombie."
Representative-Elect McCombie: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Margo McDermed."
Representative-Elect McDermed: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "David McSweeney."
Representative-Elect McSweeney: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Charles Meier."
Representative-Elect Meier: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Debbie Meyers-Martin."
Representative-Elect Meyers-Martin: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Chris Miller."
Representative-Elect Miller: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Christian L. Mitchell."
Representative-Elect Mitchell: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Anna Moeller."
Representative-Elect Moeller: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Bob Morgan."
Representative-Elect Morgan: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Tom Morrison."
Representative-Elect Morrison: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Martin J. Moylan."
Representative-Elect Moylan: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Mike Murphy."
Representative-Elect Murphy: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Michelle Mussman."
Representative-Elect Mussman: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Aaron M. Ortiz."
Representative-Elect Ortiz: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Diane Pappas."
Representative-Elect Pappas: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Lindsay Parkhurst."
Representative-Elect Parkhurst: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Delia C. Ramirez."
Representative-Elect Ramirez: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Steven Reick."
Representative-Elect Reick: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Robert 'Bob' Rita."
Representative-Elect Rita: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Lamont J. Robinson, Jr."
Representative-Elect Robinson, Jr.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Sue Scherer."
Representative-Elect Scherer: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Dave Severin."
Representative-Elect Severin: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Allen Skillicorn."
Representative-Elect Skillicorn: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Justin Q. Slaughter."
Representative-Elect Slaughter: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Nicholas 'Nick' Smith."
Representative-Elect Smith: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Keith P. Sommer."
Representative-Elect Sommer: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Joe Sosnowski."
Representative-Elect Sosnowski: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Ryan Spain."
Representative-Elect Spain: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Anne M. Stava-Murray."
Representative-Elect Stava-Murray: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Katie Stuart."
Representative-Elect Stuart: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Curtis J. Tarver, II."
Representative-Elect Tarver, II: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Correction, Dan Swanson."
Representative-Elect Swanson: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Andre Thapedi."
Representative-Elect Thapedi: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Arthur Turner."
Representative-Elect Turner: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Dan Ugaste."
Representative-Elect Ugaste: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Michael D. Unes."
Representative-Elect Unes: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Karina Villa."
Representative-Elect Villa: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Celina Villanueva."
Representative-Elect Villanueva: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Mark L. Walker."
Representative-Elect Walker: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Lawrence 'Larry' Walsh, Jr."
Representative-Elect Walsh, Jr.: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Tom Weber."
Representative-Elect Weber: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Grant Wehrli."
Representative-Elect Wehrli: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Emanuel Chris Welch."
Representative-Elect Welch: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "David Allen Welter."
Representative-Elect Welter: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Maurice A. West, II."
Representative-Elect West, II: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Keith R. Wheeler."
Representative-Elect Wheeler: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Blaine Wilhour."
Representative-Elect Wilhour: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Ann M. Williams."
Representative-Elect Williams: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Kathleen Willis."
Representative-Elect Willis: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Patrick Windhorst."
Representative-Elect Windhorst: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Lance Yednock."
Representative-Elect Yednock: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Sam Yingling."
Representative-Elect Yingling: "Present."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Michael J. Zalewski."
Representative-Elect Zalewski: "Present."

Secretary White: "117 Representatives-Elect having answered the Roll and being in attendance, a quorum is present and the House of Representatives of the 101st General Assembly is officially convened. Provisional Clerk will enter the attendance into the Journal. I now have the great
responsibility and the honor of presenting Attorney General Lisa Madigan who will administer the constitutional oath of office, following which each Member should execute the written oath to be filed in my office."

Attorney General Madigan: "Thank you, Secretary White. Will the Representatives-Elect please stand? And if you will, please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, state your name, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly according to the best of my ability. Congratulations, you are now Members of the General Assembly."

Secretary White: "Congratulations everyone. I had the great pleasure of serving in this Body for 16 years and I want to applaud, commend, and thank you and congratulate you for a job well done. Again, will the Members of the House please execute the written oath and submit it to the Provisional Clerk? Members should execute their signature twice on the sheet placed to... at their desks, and pass the oaths to the end of the aisle. The House will be at ease for a few moments. Under Article IV, Section 6(b), of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, the House shall elect from its membership a Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives as presiding officer. The Rules of the House provide for nominations, and all nominations require a second. The election of office of the Speaker requires the affirmative vote of the majority of those elected. Therefore, 60 votes in favor of the nominee shall be required to be elected Speaker. Debate is not in
order following the nominations and preceding or during the vote. Nominations are now in order for the Office of the Speaker. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Welch... Representative Chris Welch, is recognized to offer a nomination."

Welch: "Good afternoon, everyone. We can do better than that, this is an exciting day. Good afternoon, everyone. Mr. Secretary, Mr. Clerk, Members of the General Assembly, family and friends, and our distinguished guests, my name is Chris Welch and I am proud to stand before you today to nominate Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives in the 101st General Assembly. Author and... author and public speaker, John C. Maxwell, once said, 'A leader is one who knows the way, who goes the way, and who shows the way.' I could not agree more. But I would also add that a great leader is one who listens to the people. Listening is probably the most important character that your leaders can have. Watching Mike Madigan work these last four years has been a real case study in true leadership. Illinois suffered greatly the last four years. What we saw was an epic struggle, a struggle that caused our state to go 736 days without a budget. We were talked about all across this country. A cloud hovered above all of us. With Mike Madigan leading in the way we didn't waiver, we stood strong, and we protected the heart and soul of this great state. But one of the main reasons why Mike Madigan was such a great leader during this time was because he listened to us. During our darkest days, there were several key moments in time when Mike Madigan listened to the rank-and-file Members, both
Democrats and Republicans. Two instances immediately come to my mind. In the summer of 2017, when rank-and-file Members did not want to go home another summer without a budget, rank-and-file Members told Mike Madigan that we were working across the aisle on a budget deal to end that stalemate. Mike Madigan didn't get in the way. Instead he wholeheartedly supported the work of rank-and-file Members. And Democrats and Republicans worked together, we got it done, and we broke that 736-day budget impasse. Shortly after that Mike Madigan showed his strength again when he supported an idea by a few of us rank-and-file Members to form a bipartisan, bicameral Higher Education Working Group. Our higher education system had been decimated by the unprecedented impasse, and we really wanted to keep the bipartisan spirit alive. So this working group of six Democrats and six Republicans worked for several months. And we were able, together, in a bipartisan way, able to pass historic legislation that includes the four-year MAP guarantee for our low income students in this state. And we were also able to pass the AIM HIGH Scholarship Award for those who deserve it. Illinois colleges and universities are already applauding these new tools and are already using them to recruit students back to our state. As a result of Madigan listening, of him listening to rank-and-file Members, we made it through some difficult days, ladies and gentlemen. The clouds are moving out. The sun is rising again. And it's a new day in Illinois. The 101st General Assembly makes history here today on day one. This new General Assembly has the largest number of Democrats since 1982. And the largest percentage of Democrats in the House since 1964. But even
with a supermajority in Illinois, ladies and gentlemen, we cannot move Illinois forward alone. We can't do this just as Democrats. We have to do this together. Just like we did with the budget in the summer of 2017 and the great work produced by the Higher Education Working Group in 2018, we must do it together. Together we can make a difference. With Mike Madigan as our Speaker, and working with those Democrats and these Republicans, we can and we will put Illinois families first. And we will keep Illinois safe. We will protect our education system, Pre-K all the way through higher education. We will protect our health care system in this state. And that includes critical lifesaving breast cancer screenings for women. And yes, together we will provide equal pay for equal work. And you know what else we will do working together? We will make the rich finally pay their fair share. It's a new day in Illinois. I am extremely confident we will get these things done because Michael J. Madigan is the Speaker of the House who listens to Democrats and Republicans. For these reasons, and so many more, I am truly honored to nominate Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives in this 101st General Assembly."

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Welch, places the nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Will, Representative Natalie Manley, to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House."

Manley: "If you think giving a speech in front of this many people is challenging, you should try to walk across that stage with your stomach sucked in. That is the worst. Just like to keep
it real. Good afternoon, and welcome to the 101st General Assembly. I rise to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan, the Representative from the 22nd District, home of Chicago's 13th Ward, for Speaker of the House of Representatives in the 101st General Assembly. It was easy to recall several instances in my relatively short time as a Member of the Illinois House that I could point to during the course of business here in Springfield as examples that support my nomination of Mike Madigan for Speaker, but instead I thought it would be better to tell you why Speaker Madigan should lead the Illinois House through the eyes of those I represent. Let me tell you a few stories directly from my district, the 98th District. I do quite a bit of door knocking in my district. It's something that I enjoy. I know that's weird but I do like it. And it allows me to get a really good read on what the people I represent think, what their concerns are, and what they need. Let me tell you about Helen. In late 2016, I walked up to a house that I had been at many times over the last several years. I knew the woman who lived there. Her name is Helen and she's quite elderly. In fact, the last time that I had been there she asked me to gather several of her newspapers that had accumulated on her lawn and in her driveway because it was difficult for her to get around. She had been living in her home alone for several years. Her husband had been gone for nearly 15 of the 60 years she had lived in that same house. So as I approached her door I once again grabbed all the newspapers. I could see her coming to the door after I knocked and secretly I was praying she wasn't going to offer me the green Jell-O that she always offers me
because one time I said yes out of politeness and there was fuzz on it, but I ate it anyways. I didn't want to hurt her feelings. Anyway, Helen came to the door... and I know she's not in the audience... and I handed her... I wouldn't have mentioned it... I handed her her newspapers. And we sat down and we talked. She always invited me in. And all of the sudden she got a serious look on her face and she said, hey I heard the state was going to cut my benefits. Now I already knew she was getting benefits through the Community Care Program. And it was because of this program that she was able to remain in her own home and avoid having to be placed in a nursing home facility. I knew that her concerns were real because the impending reduction of her benefits was due to the changes being proposed in the Community Care Program because of our budget crisis. I promised her I would look into her concerns about the reduction in benefits and we went on to talk about other things that she liked to discuss. When I went to leave, she stopped me in her doorway and pointed to an old wooden swing at the end of her porch. It was one of those two seater swings with the chains on both sides and you can swing back and forth on. She pointed at the swing and she said to me, Natalie, every person I've ever loved has swung on that swing with me. I don't want to leave my home. Let me tell you another story. I got a call from Ines, she's the CEO of Guardian Angel Community Services in Will County. Guardian Angel is an organization that serves over 60 thousand people agency wide every year, but the bulk of their work is serving women and children by providing protection for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, adult protective services,
and overseeing the wellbeing of children in foster care just to name a few. Ines was calling me to tell me she had been at dinner the night before and she saw Speaker Madigan from across the restaurant. She told me that she walked up to the Speaker's table and interrupted his dinner. She told me that she approached him, told him who she was. He stood up, shook her hand, and then proceeded to listen to her as she explained her deep concerns about how dangerously close her organization was to suspending programs due to the budget crisis. She said throughout the conversation Speaker Madigan was genuinely concerned and acknowledged the difficulty she was explaining. She said he didn't place blame, didn't mention any differences of opinions or partisan politics, but instead told her he was aware of how important her work was and that he would continue fighting to pass a budget that properly funded the programs that so many desperately needed. He thanked her for taking the time to speak to him. She said he was kind, reassuring, and then he thanked her for the work she was doing. These are only two of the many stories I have from my district. I appreciate Speaker Madigan's willingness to tackle the tough issues. I look forward to the future and working with all of my colleagues toward a better Illinois. Each person seated here today in front of you have stories from their districts just like mine. Thanks to Speaker Michael J. Madigan and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, because of you Guardian Angel Community Services continues to provide the vital services that are needed to this day. Helen remains in her home, dignity intact, still making green Jell-O, looking forward to making more memories with those she
loves on her porch swing. For these, and so many more reasons, I proudly nominate Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House of Representatives in 101st General Assembly. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Lisa Hernandez."

Hernandez: "Good afternoon. I didn't have to cross across the stage but I had to make sure I didn't fall taking that step down. So, that was my challenge. Good afternoon, everyone, I am State Representative Elizabeth Hernandez. I second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House of the 101st General Assembly. I am honored and grateful to have the opportunity to say a few words about a man who has shown great leadership throughout the years. Illinois is an incredibly diverse state, and understanding the needs of all its different constituencies sounds close to impossible, but Speaker Madigan has proven to be a leader who aims to find common ground among the diverse Body of Legislators who come to Springfield on behalf of all those communities. The campaign of misinformation to demonize the Speaker has been hard to watch. Those who have chosen to tear him down publicly have forgotten his history of bipartisanship on critical reforms, such as pensions, workman... worker's compensation, and our state's budgets woes. They've forgotten all the times he fought for safer working conditions, quality health care, and marriage equality for all. He understands reform cannot be solely a Democratic or Republican solution. Illinois is at its best when we work together, when we collaborate and compromise. As a Legislator, my work has been primarily focused on immigration reforms. Yes, proudly. I represent a
majority Latino district and many of my constituents are undocumented. Illinois has time and time again been at the forefront of advancing legislation and initiatives that protect and help immigrant families achieve the American dream. However, these reforms have always come to fruition because of Democrats and Republicans coming together. This bipartisanship has been possible because of the leadership of Mike Madigan. Also given the historic number of women who are being inaugurated into offices across the country, it cannot be understated how difficult it was as a female Legislator to be dismissed and minimized because of my identity not only as a woman but a woman of color. I have always fought tooth and nail for my community. Mike Madigan has always been an ally who has extended his support to ensure that the caucus... and the caucus that I and other women get a seat at the table. So that is why I urge not to forget Mike Madigan's history. His guidance and attention to detail has insured that every constituency has a voice in their State Government. In the coming months and years a lot of tough decisions will be made requiring both sides of the aisle to work together. I am confident that Mike Madigan is the right person to foster the atmosphere of bipartisanship and ensure that the voices of all Illinoisans are heard. I have said this before and I'm going to say it again... I have... It is easy to be the captain of a ship that was seen as calm, but rough seas require a steady experience and strong hand to guide us to safe port. That person is Michael J. Madigan. So again, I am very proud to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House of the 101st General Assembly. Thank you."
Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Greg Harris."

Harris: "Good afternoon. I've been told by one of my Republican friends that it's almost 1:30. So I will give a brief seconding speech to the nomination of Michael J. Madigan. And that's why I'm here, ladies and gentlemen, is to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 101st General Assembly. When Mike Madigan asked me to lead the budget negotiations for the House Democrats during the budget impasse, the first thing he told me was that when we went about this our task was not just balancing line items on a spreadsheet, but remembering that each decision we made directly affected the lives of families in every corner of our state. He also made it clear that we would not be bullied or forced into betraying our values or fall for attempts to pit one group against the other. You know, organized labor against higher education, human services against elementary and secondary schools. We wouldn't let ourselves be divided by upstate or downstate, you know, city versus suburban or rural. We stuck to our values and we fought for the things that were important to every Illinoisan. We gave major increases to school funding. We restored child care for working families. We guaranteed community-based services for our seniors that Representative Manley just talked about. And we provided more MAP grants to help Illinois students stay in Illinois to go to college and university. And through it all we stood strong for the rights of working men and women organize and collectively bargain. We restored funding to agriculture education and extension.
services. We paid down over $9 billion of unpaid backlog of bills. But more importantly we did these things by reaching across the aisle and work with these men and women to do it in a bipartisan way. Same as we did for reforming school funding and as we did for bringing $3.5 billion in funding for our Illinois hospitals and health care systems. Now all of us on this stage know that we have some very hard work that is ahead of us. Very hard work and it's not going to happen in a day, it's not gonna happen in a year. But we all want to work together to get it done. And it's a good thing Mike Madigan is known for hard work, for patience, and tenacity. It was brought up by another speaker about marriage equality passing in Illinois. And when I first came to the House, I went to Speaker Madigan and said it was my goal to pass marriage equality in the State of Illinois. And he looked at me said, you know, he said, I think this is the right thing to do. But he also said, you know, this is not going to be easy and this will not be for the faint of heart. And that's the expression here, this will not be for the faint of heart. And it turned out to be a year's long battle. But with Mike's help Illinois became the last of only 10 states in the country that was able to pass marriage equality legislatively. And again, we did it on a bipartisan basis. Mike Madigan was in it for the long haul then and he's in it for the long haul now, whether the going is tough or the going is easy. And that's why I'm very happy to stand here and second the nomination for Mike Madigan, as Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives."
Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Welch, places a nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House. The Lady from Will, Representative Manley; the Lady from Cook, Representative Hernandez; and the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Harris seconds the nomination of Representative Michael J. Madigan for the Office of Speaker. Representative Madigan is nominated for the Office of the Speaker. Are there further the nominations for the Office of Speaker? The Chair recognizes the Lady from Carroll, Representative Tony McCombie."

McCombie: "Good afternoon, everybody. Welcome. Welcome to our special guest, Governor-elect Pritzker and my friend, Julianna Stratton. Congratulations to all of my colleagues especially to the 36 new Members that are making up the freshman class. I want you to know that I stand here today with an open mind and an open heart that we can work on what we have in common to build a better Illinois together. To all of you in the audience especially my husband, my family, and my friends that are here with us today, thank you. Thank you for all that you do to support us and to help us. None of us sitting up here today would be here without all of you, without your love, and let's talk about it, your patience. Today we collectively have an opportunity to change Illinois for the better. I am honored to start that change with the nomination of Jim Durkin as our next Speaker of the House of Representatives. Jim is a kind, yet fierce Leader who advocates for our families, for our most vulnerable, for our businesses, and for the overall success of Illinois. I first
met Leader Durkin a few years ago when I was thinking about running for the House seat. Just a small town girl in the middle of my first term as Mayor of Savannah, Illinois and very new to the world of politics especially Illinois politics. But one thing I knew for sure, I was not happy with the direction the state was headed. I was raised by strong, hardworking women who often said put up or shut up. So, here I am working for change not only for my hometown of Savannah or District 71 but for all of you. As a downstate Member, the population of my district has been dwindling because the rural economy has been declining. Children are not returning to their hometowns to work and to raise their families. Families are being socially and financially and geographically torn apart because of the state of our state. One thing I've learned in my first term, it is all so unnecessary. We have a responsibility to do better. We need growth. And in order to grow we need to change how we've been doing the business of Illinois over the last four decades. We all know the process here to get challenging... challenging for some of us more than others. And as we get older, you have to wonder is it really worth it? But we have to do things that not only we want to do that... that we need to do that we feel is important to make a difference. So we have to ask ourselves, can one person honestly make change? Can one person honestly make a difference? Yes. The answer is yes. I have watched Leader Durkin on the House floor take Member after Member, sometimes from both sides of the aisle into his office to discuss an issue. He listens, he looks for solutions, and he has proven that he will work with... through both sides of an issue to
find a compromise that will not diminish anyone's values. Positions of leadership require individuals that are special, and let me tell you Jim is special. He is that individual. Over the last four years, he has had to lead our caucus through some very volatile times. He has led our caucus with strength and with purpose while still accommodating our regional and our personal differences. Sometimes our votes differ and we disagree... sometimes more often than we like. But never once have I questioned his loyalty to his district, to his family, and to me and to my family. Today, we have an opportunity that we can unite the House of Representatives and the people of Illinois by voting against the status quo. Let us prove to the people of Illinois what... that we... what we want and we can do that with our actions. Please join me today and vote for Jim Durkin to be the next Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 101st General Assembly. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Lady from Carroll, Representative McCombie, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Jim Durkin, for Speaker of the House. Is there a second to this nomination? The chair recognizes the Lady from the DuPage, Representative Deanne Mazzochi."

Mazzochi: "Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you so much for being here to support your State Representatives today. Your Illinois is diverse in our geography, economies, cultures, and ideally we should all meet in our state forum as equals to serve not factions but all the people. Our state has big problems, and regrettably this House helped create them including back in 1982. My private sector life is in the problem solving world combining science, business, law. Some
of our best innovations come from tackling the impossible problems but to do that you have to set aside emotion. You have to accept the bad facts that hurt and then you have to experiment, and you have to give people the freedom to experiment. Something doesn't work, you have to check your facts. You have to challenge your assumptions, and you have to self-correct. You have to reexamine everything you've done. Because auto repeat may be a policy, but it's not a plan for a good future. I'm honored to second the nomination of Jim Durkin as Speaker because Jim's leadership style is to respect our intellectual diversity, to ensure everyone is given a voice. Jim strives to support his Members to get practical, consensus solutions where we can say, yes for Illinois. Our current Rules render many on this stage procedurally powerless. In a state that's supposed to respect minority rights, do we accept that or do we decide we're going to change that? Our General Assembly needs to be constructive so we can help our citizens be productive. How can anyone expect to thrive and grow when they fear their State Government's plans for them? When your idea of helping one person in Illinois is to put a punishing burden on the back of someone else in Illinois. And how can we help them when their own State Representative can't get a fair hearing on issues that matter to them. One thing I deeply respect about Jim Durkin is that he has been with every single one of our Members in our districts, personally in our districts because he wants to walk that walk with us. He doesn't assume he knows what's best for you. He doesn't ostracize Members for different policy views or send people to go talk to them to
change their mind. And he certainly doesn't force feed votes through fear of retribution or retaliation. Jim Durkin also understands that sure, there's some last minute legislation that might be great for electoral politics or help an insider click and certainly looks good on a campaign mail piece, but that approach has been detrimental to our people and our state. This inauguration of the 101st General Assembly is a historic day. We're over 100, make it historic another way. A third us on this stage are going to take the oath for the first time. We can be the votes to change business as usual. Most of you promised you would be. You can send a good message to the good people who would abandon Illinois because they do not trust us to get our House in order. Tell them: new Members, new House, new Rules, new Speaker. On behalf of my new Member class, I second the Motion to name Representative Jim Durkin my leader as Speaker of the House of the 101st General Assembly. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Washington, Representative Charles Meier."

Meier: Good afternoon. Welcome new Members of 101st Illinois General Assembly, and welcome back to all of our returning Members from the last Session. My name is Charlie Meier, State Representative from Okawville, about 40 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri, and four and a half hours south of Chicago. The 101st GA is the beginning of my fourth term as State Representative. I not only serve as State Representative, but I am still a farmer on our family's Centennial Farm. I'm proud to stand here today and nominate Jim Durkin for Speaker of the House. Jim Durkin is genuinely understands each of our
districts. He respects that all of us have been elected to represent our districts and must advocate for what our district needs. Jim Durkin has served as the Republican Leader since 2013. He is always willing to come and visit. He came to our farm to learn more about farming. He even drove the combine. I can guarantee you, Speaker of the House better suits Jim Durkin than being a farmer. Everybody got out of the way, so... Leader Durkin has proven he will do what is right and what is best for the State of Illinois. He will work with us all regardless of our party affiliation. During his time in the House of Representatives, Jim Durkin has been successfully reading... reaching bipartisan agreements to keep the state moving forward while not compromising the core beliefs of the Republican Caucus. Jim learned how to negotiate at a young age. Given the fact that he grew up with seven brothers, I think he had to learn pretty fast. Even though I'm a downstate Member from southern Illinois, and Jim Durkin is from Cook County, I have always received help and guidance from Leader Durkin. It doesn't matter what day or time, Durkin has always been there to help our Members navigate the General Assembly and offer to help our districts. When Murray Center... when of only seven operated development centers was slated for closure, Jim Durkin helped me fight to keep Murray Center open. Located in my district in the city of Centralia, Murray Center is a place where residents call home. It's a special place that cares for children with severe disabilities. With the help of Jim Durkin and many elected Democrats and Republicans, Murray Center remains open to this day. Jim Durkin's friendship and knowledge has been there for us during
our ups and our downs. Even when his own life encounters ups and downs, he's still there for us. Jim acts like he has been a part of our family since the beginning. It's that kind of leadership and compassion I value in our next Speaker of the House. Ladies and gentlemen, Members of the 101st General Assembly, today I ask you to join me as I cast my vote for Jim Durkin, Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Lady from Carroll, Representative McCombie places a nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Jim Durkin, for Speaker of the House; the Lady from DuPage, Representative Mazzochi; and the Gentleman from Washington, Representative Meier, second the nomination of Representative Jim Durkin for the Office of Speaker of the House. Representative Durkin is nominated for Office of Speaker. Are there any further nominations for the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives? There being no further nominations offered from the floor, nominations for Office of Speaker are closed. The nominees for the Office of Speaker of the 101st General Assembly are Representative Michael J. Madigan and Representative Jim Durkin. And on that question we will have an oral Roll Call. When your name is called, please announce your vote in a loud, clear voice. The question is, on the election of Speaker of the House of the 101st General Assembly. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll."

Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Ammons."
Ammons: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Andrade."
Andrade: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Arroyo."
Arroyo: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Bailey."
Bailey: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Batinick."
Batinick: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Bennett."
Bennett: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Bourne."
Bourne: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Brady."
Brady: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Bristow."
Bristow: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Bryant."
Bryant: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Burke."
Burke: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Butler."
Butler: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cabello."
Cabello: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Carroll."
Carroll: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Cassidy."
Cassidy: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Caulkins."
Caulkins: "Ji, Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Chapa LaVia."
Chapa LaVia:  "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Chesney."
Chesney:  "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Connor."
Connor:  "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Conroy."
Conroy:  "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Conyears-Ervin."
Conyears-Ervin:  "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Costello."
Costello:  "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Crespo."
Crespo:  "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative D'Amico."
D'Amico:  "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Davidsmeyer."
Davidsmeyer:  "Jim Durkin.
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Davis."
Davis:  "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative DeLuca."
DeLuca:  "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Demmer."
Demmer:  "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Didech."
Didech:  "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Durkin."
Durkin:  "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman:  "Representative Edly-Allen."
Edly-Allen:  "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Evans."
Evans: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Feigenholtz."
Feigenholtz: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Flowers."
Flowers: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Ford."
Ford: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Frese."
Frese: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Gabel."
Gabel: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz."
Gong-Gershowitz: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Gordon-Booth."
Gordon-Booth: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Grant."
Grant: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Greenwood."
Greenwood: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Guzzardi."
Guzzardi: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Halbrook."
Halbrook: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Halpin."
Halpin: "Michael Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Hammond."
Hammond: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Harper."
Harper: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Harris."
Harris: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Hernandez."
Hernandez: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Hoffman."
Hoffman: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Howard."
Costa Howard: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Hurley."
Hurley: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Jones."
Jones: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Keicher."
Keicher: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Kifowit."
Kifowit: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Camille Lilly."
Lilly: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Madigan."
Madigan: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Mah."
Mah: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Manley."
Manley: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Marron."
Marron: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Martwick."
Martwick: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Mason."
Mason: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Mayfield."
Mayfield: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Mazzochi."
Mazzochi: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative McAuliffe."
McAuliffe: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative McCombie."
McCombie: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative McDermed."
McDermed: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative McSweeney."
McSweeney: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Meier."
Meier: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Meyers-Martin."
Meyers-Martin: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Miller."
Miller: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Mitchell."
Mitchell: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Moeller."
Moeller: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Morgan."
Morgan: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Morrison."
Morrison: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Moylan."
Moylan: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Murphy."
Murphy: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Mussman."
Mussman: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Ortiz."
Ortiz: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Pappas."
Pappas: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Parkhurst."
Parkhurst: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Ramirez."
Ramirez: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Reick."
Reick: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Rita."
Rita: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Robinson."
Robinson: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Scherer."
Scherer: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Severin."
Severin: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Skillicorn."
Skillicorn: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Slaughter."
Slaughter: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Smith."
Smith: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Sommer."
Sommer: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Sosnowski."
Sosnowski: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Spain."
Spain: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Stava-Murray."
Stava-Murray: "'Present'."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Stuart."
Stuart: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Swanson."
Swanson: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Tarver."
Tarver: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Thapedi."
Thapedi: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Turner."
Turner: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Ugaste."
Ugaste: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Unes."
Unes: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Villa."
Villa: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Villanueva."
Villanueva: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Walker."
Walker: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Walsh."
Walsh: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Weber."
Weber: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Wehrli."
Wehrli: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Welsh."
Welsh: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Wehrli."
Wehrli: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Welter."
Welter: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative West."
West: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Wheeler."
Wheeler: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Wilhour."
Wilhour: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Williams."
Williams: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Willis."
Willis: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Windhorst."
Windhorst: "Jim Durkin."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Yednoch."
Yednoch: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Yingling."
Yingling: "Michael J. Madigan."
Provisional Clerk Hollman: "Representative Zalewski."
Zalewski: "Michael J. Madigan."
Secretary White: "On that question, Mr. Madigan receives 72 votes and Mr. Durkin receives 44 votes. I hereby declare Michael J. Madigan the leader of the House of Representatives for the 101st General Assembly."

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Madigan has been elected to Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 101st General Assembly. Having received the second highest number of votes, and serving as Leader of the numerically strongest political party other than party to which the Speaker-elect belongs, I declare Jim Durkin has been elected Minority Leader of the House of Representatives for the 101st General Assembly. With the consent of the House, I appoint six Members to constitute the Honor Committee to escort Speaker Madigan to the rostrum to take the Constitutional oath. Is there leave? Leave being granted, we would... I'd like to appoint a Committee of escort. There are as follows: Representative Sara Feigenholtz, Representative Linda Chapa LaVia, Representative Will Davis, Representative Michael McAuliffe, Representative Dan Brady, and Representative Norine Hammond. Will the Committee of Escort retire to the seat of Representative Michael J. Madigan to be escorted to the rostrum? Thanks for a job well done. To administer the Constitutional Oath of the Speaker, I have the honor again of presenting a dear friend of mine, House... Attorney General Lisa Madigan. Joining the Attorney General on the podium and other Members of the Madigan's family are here assist in the administering of this wonderful oath to my good friend, Michael J. Madigan. Lisa Madigan."

Attorney General Madigan: "Well congratulations. Please raise your right hand. Put your other hand on the Bible and please repeat after me.

Attorney General Madigan: "I, Michael J. Madigan..."

Speaker-elect Madigan: "I, Michael J. Madigan..."

Attorney General Madigan: "...do solemnly swear..."
Speaker-elect Madigan: "...do solemnly swear..."
Attorney General Madigan: "...that I will support the Constitution of the United States..."
Speaker-elect Madigan: "...that I will support the Constitution of the United States..."
Attorney General Madigan: "...and the Constitution of the State of Illinois...
Speaker-elect Madigan: "...and the Constitution of the State of Illinois...
Attorney General Madigan: "...and that I will faithfully discharge the duties..."
Speaker-elect Madigan: "...and that I will faithfully discharge the duties..."
Attorney General Madigan: "...of the Office of Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives...
Speaker-elect Madigan: "...of the Office of Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives...
Attorney General Madigan: "...according to the best of my ability." Speaker-elect Madigan: "...according to the best of my ability." Attorney General Madigan: "Congratulations. You’re the Speaker, again. Excuse us while we take a picture, which we never do." Speaker Madigan: "Thank you to all of you. To begin, let me ask all of you and let me ask the Members of the House to please remember Barbara Currie in your prayers. So Barbara was traveling to Chicago yesterday and felt so ill that she checked in to hospital in Bloomington. The last report is that she's getting well and that she'll probably be transported up to Chicago to the University of Chicago Hospital sometime today. It's a case of severe pneumonia. And
so, if you could please keep her in your prayers. For those who don't know, she was the Majority Leader for several, several years. The first thing I want to do is to acknowledge the most important person in this room. So, we all know a lot of important people in this room. But the most important person is the woman who has loved me for a very, very long time and I have loved her. Here she is right here. We have a very successful family and a very loving family because of Shirley. And she deserves almost all of the credit. I get a little bit. And so thank you for welcoming her. Next, if you read the Chicago Tribune, and I don't recommend that you do it, you would know that I I've been through these elections of Speaker several times and to the best of my memory. The House has never been honored with the presence of a Governor or the Governor-elect. And so I want to thank and welcome, Governor J. B. Pritzker. Also a product of the House of Representatives the Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton. And the Governor's Chief of Staff Ann Caprara. On January 14, 2015, I stood before you to accept my election as the Speaker of the House. On that day as part of my remarks, I pledged to work cooperatively and professionally with Governor Rauner. That was four long years ago: four long years of character assassination, four long years of personal vilification, four long years of strident negotiating positions, also known as my way or the highway. Consequently, Illinois suffered through a three year budget impasse. Some people may say we made it through the budget impasse. Our organization got its money. It was delayed, but in the end we got our money. Others were not so fortunate. So if you were an Illinoisan dependent
upon State of Illinois funding for Autism services, you became a victim of the budget impasse. If you were an Illinoisan dependent upon State of Illinois funding for Breast Cancer screenings, you became a victim of the budget impasse. If you were an Illinoisan dependent upon State of Illinois funding for Child Abuse Prevention, you became a victim of the budget impasse. If you were an Illinoisan dependent upon State of Illinois funding for Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, you became a victim of the budget impasse. In America and in Illinois, government is people working with people, people working with people. People come before the Illinois Government; they come before the Legislature. They have different ideas, different agendas. Sometimes they agree other times they do not agree. When people do not agree and they are reasonable, they talk to each other. They exchange ideas; they negotiate in good faith. They attempt to find a common ground. And if they do all of these things, there's a pretty good possibility that they may solve some of the problems that brought them to the government. For the last four years people working with people has not happened in the State of Illinois. Rather, we simply got a series of ultimatums, my way or the highway. The government of the State of Illinois had serious problems. We have a significant budget imbalance. We have a debt load that is far too high. This impairs our ability properly support areas such as education, infrastructure maintenance and improvement, and many others. To solve these problems, we need people to work with people. Some might say as we put an end to these last four years, let's just close the book. Let me suggest I think something
that's a little better. So as we do move beyond these last four years, let's not just talk in terms of closing the book. Rather, let's think in terms of closing one chapter in the book, take lessons from that chapter, so we can move on to a new chapter where people work with people. To the Members of the House that voted for me, I thank you very much for your vote. For those who you have chosen not to support my candidacy, let's have people work with people. Let us work with other people. And to all of you, I want to thank you for being here today. I want to say God Bless all of you. I have two requests to finish my remarks. I would like you to repeat after me. Let's all say God Bless the State of Illinois."

Speaker Madigan - et al: "God Bless the State of Illinois."
Speaker Madigan: "And God Bless the United States of America.
Speaker Madigan - et al: "God Bless the United States of America.
Speaker Madigan: "This time the Chair would recognize Majority Leader Jim Durkin. Mr. Durkin."
Durkin: "I've been told to raise the microphone 'cause sometimes I forget I'm a little bit taller than most of my Members. So we're going to do the best we can. I hope you can hear me. But Mr. Speaker, during the Roll Call, I felt after the first minute that history may have been made but I was proven wrong. But it sounded good. I felt real good for that first minute but it didn't quite work out. But in the words of the great philosopher and order Yogi Berra, it's déjà vu again... all over again. So anyway, here we are. My name is Jim Durkin. I am the State Representative from the 82nd District, Western Springs, Illinois. I am a proud suburban Republican who loves everything, everything about the State of Illinois. Now today
marks my third acceptance speech that I have delivered in this auditorium before my colleagues, family, friends on this day, this solemn day of inauguration. So I would also like to introduce members of my family who joined me today. First and foremost, the most important person, as I believe, in this auditorium is my wife, Celeste. Celeste, thank you for being here. And coming in a close second is my daughter, Caroline. Thank you both for coming here today. I specifically want to thank them for their love, support, my unreasonable schedule that I keep during the course of my every two years, but also more importantly that much needed and occasional reality check. And I think you know what I'm talking about. I'm also joined by members of my extended family. I have... I often talk about my family. I'm one of eight boys and I have three of my brothers here today: my brother, Kevin; my brother, Patrick; and my brother, Robert. The remaining four all have real jobs and couldn't be here today, so. But... all right, all right, I know. I guess... sorry, you'll boycott the next fundraiser guys. All right this is all part of just having a little levity. But folks, my friends here today, this is a great moment for you, and it is also a great moment for the State of Illinois. Ladies and gentlemen, I take this moment very seriously as I assume you will as well. Following the oaths of office which we have taken today each one of us will be charged with representing the interests and welfare of 108 thousand Illinoisans. Folks, friends, that oath is solemn and has meaning, deep meaning. The task ahead may take time and seem daunting, some things will come to you easily, some things not. I implore you to embrace this historic moment with the
best that you can offer our state. I congratulate and thank each and every one of you for your commitment to public service. Again, it's not easy but thank you for your commitment to public service. So, welcome to the people's House. But just before you know it you'll be circulating petitions for reelection in about eight months. So, congratulations on that too. Maddening, oh gosh. In 2008, when he accepted the Republican Party's nomination for the Presidency, my friend, the late United States Senator John McCain attempted to unify an increasingly polarized nation by stating, there is much more that unites us than divides us. We are fellow Americans, an association that means more to me than any other. The same can be said about us, my fellow Illinoisans. Today is a day for celebrating and unifying, celebrating new Members and a new General Assembly. But we all collectively know that we have much work that lies before us. Hard work, tough decisions, thoughtful leadership, and an understanding of the problems Illinois faces is the only path to prosperity. Unfortunately, Illinois problems are many and the easy answers are few and no, we are far from prosperity. Just last year Illinois lost another 45 thousand residents. This is the fifth year in a row of population loss, and we will once again lead to diminish influence and a loss of Congressional representation. It also means a loss of taxpayers, 45 thousand fewer people paying income, property, and sales taxes which reduces the demand in our economy, especially in our housing market. Why are they leaving? I am sure that you have all heard the reframe from our neighbors as they are packing boxes, taxes are too high to afford
staying in their home, job opportunities are growing in other states as we remain stagnant. Crime has driven many out of their neighborhoods. State and local pension debt is staggering and unsustainable and traffic and commute times are constantly getting worse as our infrastructure crumbles. Now historically the General Assembly has taken the politically expedient approach to problem solving time and time again that's with delay, argument, and obfuscation. Always ending with avoidance of the real issues. However, with this new General Assembly and a new Governor, I am optimistic that for once in many, many years that we can put politics aside like we did yesterday in the House of Representatives with those two pieces of legislation and now work towards the greater good of our constituents and their future. Today is a day of hope for our future, but I want you to know that the House Republican Caucus is ready to work on the problems we all know we face. We wish to work collaboratively and thoughtfully to reach solutions for a brighter future. You need to know about what we stand for and I'm going to tell you what the House Republicans stand for. We stand for the reform of our state's regressive property tax system. We stand for creating efficiency in our pension systems by reducing costs and making these systems viable for Members and yes, the taxpayers. We stand for balancing the budget by weighing spending demands with fiscal realities. We stand for enhancing our weak business climate to bring real sustainable jobs back to our state. We stand for getting career gun criminals of our streets and for taking back control of neighborhoods from street gangs. And yes, we, along
with Governor-Elect Pritzker stand for non-partisan fair maps. We stand for the opportunity of Illinois, a great state with so many assets and advantages that have been squandered by years by this government. We as the Republican Caucus stand ready to work with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle to tackle these issues. And we know there are many, many issues our Democrat colleagues want to address this year, and I'm here to tell you that the Republican Caucus is ready to have those thoughtful and meaningful conversations on those issues as well. Let me speak for myself. In the years that I have been the Leader, my door has been open to every Member of my caucus also the Democrat Caucus on issues. Time and time again, I will have Democrat Members who have had problems advancing their Bills have come and spoken to me. I've given them suggestions on how to make the Bill workable, how I can help them with votes on the Republican side to ensure that their priorities are met. And at times, I have rewritten the Bills for Democrats to avoid an embarrassing situation in the floor of the House of the Representatives, but also a sign of good will and good faith that I want them to succeed with their local issues. That's what I do and that's what I stand for. Republicans and Democrats in this chamber all have one thing in common, individually we all represent the same numbers of Illinoisans and we collectively… and collectively we represent 12.8 million residents of our state. I have never let the 'R' or 'D' next or a Representatives name impact what I think about their district or constituents and I hope you do the same. All of our constituents throughout the state deserve better than we
have given them in recent in memory. They are losing faith in Illinois, our government, and our future here. We must as a General Assembly, as a state, stop looking only towards the next election. Let us put politics aside and work together in an effort to revive our struggling state. The time for a new direction starts today. As we move past the 200th anniversary of Illinois, I look to Governor Jim Thompson. I think you recall him, Speaker. A Governor known for his willingness to work together with all parties for the good of the state that he still cares so deeply about. Governor Thompson said in the past, and I believe it applies today as well, no General Assembly in recent history has faced so many grave challenges to the state of our great state. On the other hand, no General Assembly in recent history has been faced with so many opportunities to make its own mark, to make its own difference in the state of our state. We, as the 101st General Assembly, face the same difficult options. We can remain general and continue down the path that has seen 45 thousand of our neighbors leave the state this last year or as former Governor Thompson implored, we can be a great Assembly not just a General Assembly that works through the many challenges we face to take Illinois in a new direction making it a great state for our current and future residents. So I hope as an entire Body, we move past the partisan politics that we have so easily... that have so easily divided us and come together for the betterment of our state. Mr. Speaker, good faith, good will, reasonableness, and a fair shake that is what the House Republicans ask for today, tomorrow, and every day of this new General Assembly. If so then you have a partner. I
talked a little bit about my family earlier, I'm a very lucky person to be in this position but also being raised into an amazing family in the west suburbs of Chicago, in Westchester, Illinois. I talk about this frequently 'cause it's important to look at the past. I'm one of eight boys that was raised in Westchester, Illinois by both my parents, God bless them. They've passed but they've... they did so much for my family. My parents... everyone one of us... we grew up in a house that we had two and a half bedrooms upstairs for eight guys, one bathroom, not easy. But my parents made sure that each one of us had education. All eight of us went to the same grammar school. All eight of us went to the same high school. All eight of us are college graduates. Five of us have juris doctorates, and my father would say the other three have real jobs. But what our parents did for us is they sacrificed everything for us to ensure that we were able to engage and embrace the educational opportunities that were afforded to us in the State of Illinois, and just as importantly, gave us the opportunity for us to enjoy and to reach for the greatest of employment and to find success in the State of Illinois through our jobs that we currently have. That was done because of sacrifices my parents made. They sacrificed everything for us, the never went on vacations. They made sure it was the best for their boys and stressed that education is here, take advantage of it, work hard. But if you do that the State of Illinois will afford you the opportunity to reach the American dream. So to me it's something that's important for me, something that I think about. And I think it's important that we think about this when we got about our job in the House of
Representatives thinking about the future. You think about that more when you're a parent, when you're a father, and you're a husband. I didn't think about a lot of it about 20 years ago, but I sure as heck think about it right now. But I also think about what my father, he would just often times implore upon my brothers and talk to us and say in very simple phrase something that I think about every day. It's this, leave a place better than you found it. Leave a place better than you found it. I can't think of anything that's more appropriate for this General Assembly to think about that every day when you walk into that chamber and when you take that... we take that pledge and we go to our work, just remember there's a lot of wisdom in that. Leave a place better than you found it. So thank you, and I look forward to taking on the hard work that needs to be done with each and every one of you in this upcoming General Assembly. My door is always open and I hope yours will be too. So God bless the United States of America... not done yet, one more... and God Bless the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "For those that are looking at your watch or however you check the time, we're going to start moving along pretty quickly here. The next order of business is the election of the Chief Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, and the Doorkeeper for the 101st General Assembly. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Harris, moves for the suspension of the applicable rules to allow for the immediate consideration of House Resolutions 1, 2, and 3. You've all heard the Gentleman's Motion. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. The
'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Clerk... the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Harris."

Harris: "So, Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution 1. A Resolution for the election of John W. Hollman as Chief Clerk and Lee Crawford as Doorkeeper."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Provisional Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 1. Be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the following Officers are hereby elected for the term of the One Hundred First General Assembly:

John W. Hollman: as Chief Clerk of the House
Bradley S. Bolin: as Assistant Clerk of the House
Lee A. Crawford: as Doorkeeper of the House."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of House Resolution 1. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to House Resolution 1, the Chair declares John W. Hollman elected as the Chief Clerk of the House, Bradley S. Bolin elected as the Assistant Clerk of the House, and Lee A. Crawford elected as the Doorkeeper of the House with the 101st General Assembly. Do these Gentleman accept the offices which have been elected to? And they all indicate that they have. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Harris, is recognized for another Resolution."

Harris: "Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of House Resolution 2 to direct the Clerk to inform the Senate that the House is organized."
Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of House Resolution 2. This is the traditional notification to the other chamber that this Body is prepared to do the people's business. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Harris, is recognized to offer another Resolution."

Harris: "Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of House Resolution 3 for the appointment of a committee to attend the Governor and to inform him that we are organized and await any communication he may have."

Speaker Madigan: "Gentleman has moved the adoption of House Resolution 3. This is another traditional ceremonial procedure. Without objection, we shall take both Motions on one vote. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolutions 2 and 3 are adopted. Will the Members and guests please stand for the benediction which will be offered by Father Michael Caruso, St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago? If we could have your attention please."

Father Caruso: "May I have your attention please. Let us pray. I want to share with you a brief passage by... composed by Howard Thurman, African American theologian, educator, and great civil rights leader. He called it The Work of Christmas. 'When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back in their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart.' We pray, Lord, may the good will of women and men of all faith
traditions who share in this work. We especially commend to God's loving care the men and women and their families of the House of Representatives. May they always be guided by God's loving hand, fulfill their responsibilities with dignity, integrity, and responsibility. We conclude with this benediction the prayer of St. Francis, a man who brought many people of many faiths together. Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where this hatred, let me so love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, Amen. And again, to invoke that prayer that Speaker Madigan gave us, God bless the great State of Illinois. And God Bless the United States of America. God bless the United States of America."

Speaker Madigan: "Again, congratulations to all the Members of the House. Thank you for the guests for joining us. If you plan to visit the Capitol building today the House chamber will be open to all. Representative Harris moves the House stand adjourned until Thursday, January 10, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House stands adjourned until Thursday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1,


First Reading of these House Bills.

Clerk Hollman: "First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1, offered by Representative DeLuca. Be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend the Illinois Constitution in Article IV by adding Section 2.5 as follows:

ARTICLE IV
THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

(a) A person may not serve as a Representative for more than 3 terms of office that begin on or after the date that this Section is declared adopted.

(b) A person may not serve as a Senator for more than 3 terms of office that begin on or after the date that this Section is declared adopted.

(c) A person is considered to serve a term of office for the purpose of this Section if the person is elected or appointed to serve any portion of the term.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to the election of members of the General Assembly in the first general election to occur after this Amendment is declared adopted and thereafter. This Constitutional Amendment does not, however, affect the terms of members of the General Assembly elected before this amendment is declared adopted. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."