Speaker Chapa LaVia: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Assistant Pastor Eric Lloyd who is with Brown Street Baptist Church in Alton, Illinois. Assistant Pastor Lloyd is the guest of Representative Bristow.

Pastor Lloyd: "Dear Father, who is in heaven, who has made the heavens and the Earth, all that is in it, and has made us as well, I pray that we would see that you are sovereign over all things and you are in control. And that you are a God who loves us and a God who cares for us. I pray for the Members of this House today as they govern and as they made decisions, I pray that you would give them wisdom, help them to see your guiding hand. And allow them to submit to your will and to your rule. I pray that as they lead, they will think of the needs of the people, that they would see the needs of those that are downcast and the orphans and the widows. And that they would seek the good of the people. I pray that you would help us to acknowledge you again today. I pray this in the name of your only son who died on the cross to save us from our sins. I pray this in Jesus's name. Amen."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Amen. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Frese."

Frese - 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 Chapa LaVia: "Thank you. Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Harris, is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."
Harris: "Madam Speaker, let the record reflect that Representatives Tarver and Jones are excused today."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Representative Butler, is recognized to report on any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, and it's great to see a Latina up there in the chair, my friend, Representative Chapa LaVia. Please, please let the record reflect that all Republicans are here today. We have no excused absences."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Thank you. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 115 Members present, we have a quorum. We're ready to do the work of the people. Representative Slaughter, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Slaughter: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Please, proceed."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, and yes it's great and amazing to see the first Latina American woman and also a veteran in the Chair today and so it's a great moment. As we close out this first week of Black History Month, we want to thank you for your indulgence. You'll continue to hear from black caucus Members. Please, note that our celebration with culminate with our soiree which is February 20, at Abraham Lincoln Museum. Last year's theme was education. This year's theme will be science, innovation, and technology. It's always a great event. We're gonna have a lot of fun so plan to be there. It's extremely important, extremely important, that we tell our story. Many may not realize that August 22, of this year will mark the 400th year anniversary of black..."
history in America. And just a piece of history here, it was in August of 1619... Thank you, Madam Chair... It was in August of 1619 when the first slave ship called the White Lion arrived at Point Comfort, Virginia, with the first 20 enslaved Africans. This would kick off the American slave trade where our country would see millions of black slaves imported to the New World over the next few centuries. Today's black history tribute honors those first slaves that arrived in 1619. Ever since that first slave ship arrived here, African culture has an incredible, undeniable, enduring influence on the trajectory of American history. Made no mistake about it, our 400 year history story has a lot of pain to it. But it's also a story that has to be told to commemorate our journey and all the many achievements and contributions African Americans have made to our great country. Slavery didn’t break us. In fact, it made us stronger. From slavery to fighting in the Civil War, to working against oppression of Jim Crow segregation, to the Civil Rights movement, to the contemporary industrial prison complex. It's been 400 years of resilience; 400 years of determination; 400 years of advocacy. As we move forward with this session and the 101st General Assembly, please, understand why we're so passionate and motivated to fight for social justice. It's because we understand that we stood on the shoulders of our African American ancestors. It's because we embrace the responsibility that we have to honor our struggle and that’s why we pick up our blood stained banner, march forward fighting for equality, fighting for equity. It's because we understand that throughout these 400 years. Our ancestors
fought and died to give us the opportunity and the right to be considered and respected as human beings that can and will be successful in our country. Even though African Americans still face many challenges, and let me just remind you that it will be reflected that a lot of the legislation that we sponsor, African Americans throughout this state are still adversely disproportionately impacted by unemployment, poverty, lack of quality education, violence, trauma... There's many things that are still there that we continue to struggle with. We will continue to use Black History Month as a platform to elevate the untold and under told stories of our history. But, we will also use it to promote a promising future for African Americans moving forward. And reflecting on these last 400 years, we know that we cannot give up and we will continue to endure. As we commemorate the arrival of the first Africans 400 years ago, we know that progress will take a collective effort. So we want to use month to invite, urge, and employ all of you in the chamber to not just simply recognize our contributions to society, but more importantly we want you to join us. Join us. Join us in our fight as we continue to address issues effecting black communities throughout the state of Illinois. We owe it to ourselves and to those first slave that came here against their will in 1619. And remember, this is not just black history. It's our history. This is U.S. history. Thank you and God bless. We'll see you next week."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Thank you so much, Representative Slaughter. Clerk, Committee Reports."
Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Accessibility reports the following committee action taken on February 05, 2019: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1, House Bill 2, House Bill 3, House Bill 5, and House Bill 6. Representative Hurley, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on February 06, 2019: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 163. Representative Welch, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on February 06, 2019: do pass Short Debate for House Bills 57 through House Bill 151 and House Bill 27. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on February 06, 2019: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 37, House Bill 246, and House Bill 247. Representative Ammons, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on February 06, 2019: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 35. Representative Conroy, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health reports the following committee action taken on February 07, 2019: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 205."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, point of personal privilege."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Please, proceed."
Gong-Gershowitz: "I would just like to take a moment to wish our colleague, Robin Gabel, a very happy birthday."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Representative Morrison, for what reason do you seek to be recognized?"

Morrison: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, I'd like to introduce to the Body one of America's future leaders' right here, my Page for a day. Lorenzo, if you could stand up. Lorenzo Esquivel is joining us here in Springfield. He is from... he graduated from Lyons Township High School, actually enlisted in the U.S. Navy, got injured during basic training so he was... he had a medical discharge, but he was telling me that he may be reenlisting. But, in the meantime, he said he's interested in politics, interested in the future of Illinois, the future of the country, and I would just like to give him a warm, Springfield welcome."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Welcome, young man. Representative Miller, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Miller: "Madam Speaker, I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Please, proceed, Sir."

Miller: "Thank you very much. Being an alumni of Eureka College, the same alma mater as our 40th president, Ronald Wilson Reagan, he was born on February the 6, 1911, his 108th birthday we celebrated yesterday. Some of his accomplishments in his life prior to being president was that he was a Hollywood actor, he was a Union leader, he was the 33rd governor of the great state of California. He graduated in 1932 while at eureka he played right guard and I played center on the Eureka College football team, but we did not play on the same team, just as a matter of reference. But, I wanted
to rise to honor the birthday of our 40th president as he is celebrated this week at the United States of America and an own native son of the great state of Illinois. Let's give the old gipper a round of applause."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Representative. Now, on page 2 of the Calendar under Motions in Writing, we have a Motion on House Bill 181. Representative Ford is recognized for the Motion. Representative."

Ford: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, I move to table House Bill 181."

Speaker Chapa LaVia: "So the question is, 'Shall House Bill 181 lie on the table?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the House Bill 181 is laid on the table. Thank you. And now. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."


Speaker Chapa LaVia: "Leader Harris, moves to adoption Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now... allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris, moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, February 13 at noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the House stands adjourned."
business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."