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Speaker Hoffman: "The House will come to order. Members, please be in your chairs. We'll be led in prayer today by Pastor William Greenwood who is with the Hebron Road Church of Christ in Cisne. Pastor Greenwood is the quest of Representative Bailey. Members and guests are asked to refrain from staring their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Greenwood."

Pastor Greenwood: "Our God, the psalmist writes in the 112th Psalm, 'Praise the Lord, how blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments.' As we are gathered here today, these men and women represent a state where cultural diversity exists, from the Latino communities of Chicago, to the African American neighborhoods of the East St. Louis Metro area, to the Amish settlements, a stone's throw from my own house, we're all united and that we are each made in your image and are citizens of the State of Illinois. We see your handy work from the cool waters of Lake Michigan to the geological formations in the Shawnee Forest. From the majestic eagles nest's along the Mississippi River to the mischievous raccoons that have adapted to almost every environment. We know you are great and mighty God who creates and provides for creatures who neither work nor worry. Therefore today, we come before you and ask for your help and blessing. In matters of right and wrong, help us see and choose right. In matters of healing and sickness, help us to see and choose healing. In matters of life and death, help us to see and choose life. In matters of justice, grace, and mercy, help us to do onto others as we would have them do onto us. And God, you know our finances are no small concern,

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as Governor Pritzker recently said, it took decades to get us into this mess. So Father, we ask that you would provide a way out of the mess of our own doing. As our printed money says 'In God We Trust', help us trust in you. As these men and women represent their communities here today, I ask that you would bless them with wisdom, discernment, and every good gift that they might be a blessing to their communities, to our state, to our nation, and to the uttermost parts of the world. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen."

- Speaker Hoffman: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative D'Amico."
- D'Amico 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 Hoffman: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Harris is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle. Please proceed."
- Harris: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representatives

 Buckner and Thapedi are excused today."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Butler is recognized for absences on the Republican side."
- Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the Journal reflect there are no excused absences on the Republican side."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Have the record reflect that there are 115 being present, the quorum is present. Representative Caulkins, for what reason do you seek recognition?"
- Caulkins: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."
- Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

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- Caulkins: "Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen. I rise today to announce that I have, in the Gallery, a great group of friends, neighbors, citizens, my brothers and sisters from ABATE. They are visiting the Capitol today to exercise one of the basic tenants of our responsibilities as electors and that is to come and talk to us. It's a great privilege to have them in the House. I hope that you all will take a moment to visit with them as they come by... come by your office. If you'd please stand and extend a warm welcome to the members of ABATE here today."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Members, I see many people seeking recognition for points of personal privilege, prior to that we are going to proceed to the Order of Second Reading. Page 2 of the Calendar on House Bill 1, Representative Flowers. Out of the record. House Bill 3, Representative Flowers. Out of the record. House Bill 5, Representative Flowers. Out of the record. On Second Reading, House Bill 1, Representative Flowers. Third Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 3, Representative Flowers. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. On House Bill 5, Representative Flowers. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 5, a Bill for an Act concerning health.

 Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments.

 No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "House Bill 6, Representative Flowers. Sorry, on House Bill 5, Third Reading. House Bill 6, Representative Flowers. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 6, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 51, Representative Flowers. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 51, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed.
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 158, Representative DeLuca. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 158, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day.

 No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. On House Bill 163, Representative Stuart. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 163, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered my Representative Stuart, has been approved for consideration."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stuart on Floor Amendment #1.

 Please explain the Amendment."

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- Stuart: "The Amendment just simply fixes a typo. It changes from 20... 2008 to 2018."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stuart moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it... in the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"
- Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. On House Bill 246, on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Moeller. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 246, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. On House Bill 247, Representative Crespo. Order of Second Reading. Out of the record. House Bill 253, Representative Guzzardi. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 253, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A balanced budget and state mandates note has been requested, but not filed at this time."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Hold the Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 303, Representative McSweeney. Representative McSweeney. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk,"
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 303, a Bill for and Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Representative D'Amico on House Bill 808. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 808, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Representative Welch on House Bill 909. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 909, a Bill for an Act concerning local Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Welch, has been approved for consideration."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Welch to explain Floor Amendment #1."
- Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for adoption of Floor Amendment #1. This is the Amendment we discussed in committee. It is just a technical Amendment. It defines... it's a definition. And I ask for adoption."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Welch moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"
- Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. On House Bill 1471, Representative Williams. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1471, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 1551, Representative Feigenholtz. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1551, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 1554, Representative Halpin. Representative Halpin. The Bill shall remain on Second Reading. On House Bill 1559, Representative Hernandez. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1559, a Bill for and Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Representative Willis on House Bill 1583. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1583, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. On House Bill 1637,
 Representative Welch. Out of the record. House Bill 1639,
 Representative DeLuca. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1639, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. On House Bill 1656, Representative McDermed. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1656, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 2028, Representative Morgan. Out of the record. Representative Martwick on House Bill 2029. Out of the record. Representative Zalewski, House

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- Bill 2071. Out of the record. Representative Butler, House Bill 2073. Representative Butler. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2073, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Representative Butler, House Bill 2074. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2074, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 2081, Representative Wehrli. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2081, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you, Representative. Third Reading.

 Representative Bryant on House Bill 2086, Representative

 Bryant. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2086, a Bill for an act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Representative Morgan on House Bill 2103. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2103, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 2124, Representative Welch. Out of the record. Representative DeLuca on House Bill 2129. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2129, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Representative Welch on House Bill 2152. Out of the record. House Bill 2177, Representative Unes. Representative Unes. Out of the record. Representative Fran Hurley on House Bill 2222. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2222, a Bill for and Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed.
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 2238, Representative Kifowit. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2238, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. On House Bill 2252, Representative Ammons. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2252, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
- Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Representative Halpin on House Bill 2266. Out of the record. Representative Kifowit, House Bill... out of the record. House Bill 247, Representative

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Crespo. Out of the record. Representative Morgan, for what reason do you arise? Representative Morgan. Please proceed."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to welcome Leadership Greater Chicago who is here today on their second annual trip here to the Capitol. They're an intensive fellowship program that exposes businesses, nonprofit leaders in the Chicago region to the most pressing issues facing the City of Chicago. There are many notable alumni that this caucus would be and this chamber would be familiar with our close friend Michelle Obama is an alumnus as well as Valerie Jarrett, Arnie Duncan, our current Deputy Governor, Jesse Ruiz and Saul Flores, former Governor Bruce Rauner. So many notables have come through this program. So I just want to make sure the chamber welcomed our... our good friends from Leadership Greater Chicago here today."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative West, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

West: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

West: "I just wanted to take a quick moment to recognize... Maureen Mastashi, Michelle Dunkin, and Erica Ingler from the Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling. If you guys would please stand. They help in Stevenson, Winnebago... I'm sorry... Winnebago, Boone and Ogle in providing 24 hour counseling for victims of sexual assault and abuse. So I'm just asking the Members of the Body to please welcome them with a round of applause."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative

Williams, for what reason do you arise?"

Williams: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please proceed."

"Thank you. Today, for Women's History Month, I would Williams: like to honor former... former Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Illinois' first woman to serve as Attorney General. Groundbreaker, trailblazer, glass ceiling brilliant lawyer, and all the while raising two little girls. I was lucky to be a part of it all as her first legislative director and I joined her team when she was first elected to the office of Attorney General in 2002. One of my favorite stories about Attorney General Lisa Madigan was reported in a 2005 Tribune article. I'll read an excerpt. 'One afternoon, not long after she was sworn in as Illinois Attorney General, Lisa Madigan disappeared for a while from her office on the 12th floor of the Thompson Center. Her chief of staff, Ann Spillane, assumed she had gone to talk with an aide about a legal issue or had set up camp somewhere, as she often did, in the library pouring through volumes of legal documents. But one assistant poked her head into Ann Spillane's office and said, excuse me, I don't know if you know this but the Attorney General's been up front answering the phone for 45 minutes.' That was just the kind of Attorney General she was. She took a hands-on, consumer-centric approach, but it was a wonderful balance to the sweeping, complex legal work which is a hallmark of her tenure. Her work on behalf of consumers for civil liberties to protect survivors of assault and violence, immigrants and refugees, and so many areas is simply

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unprecedented. Prior to becoming AG, Lisa Madigan spent time giving back in a different way. She joined a friend to start the Inspiration Café, a shelter for the homeless in the uptown neighborhood of Chicago. Before going to law school and joining the law firm of Sachnoff & Weaver, she moved to South Africa during the height of the apartheid and taught Zulu girls. In 1998, at age 32, she ran for State Senate and she won. One of the many highlights of Lisa Madigan's tenure as AG was her appearance before the United Supreme... United States Supreme Court. She argued on behalf of Illinois in the case Illinois vs. Cabellas, a case about whether the use of police dogs at a routine traffic stop was considered a search under the Constitution's Fourth Amendment. This was during my time at the office and I remember her preparing for weeks and months, diligently working toward this historic appearance before the U.S. Supreme Court. Her performance impeccable. Attorney General Madigan brought compassion, commitment, and a depth and thoroughness to everything the office touched. I'm sure many of you can attest to that fact. I'm so grateful for her work, not only on a personal level, but as an Illinoisan. Thank you, Lisa Madigan, for you service and for charting a course for so many women."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Parkhurst, for what reason do you arise?"

Parkhurst: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please proceed."

Parkhurst: "Today, in honor of Women's History Month, I'd like to honor a woman from the pages of history of the Lincoln era.

I would like to highlight Julia Taft Bayne. Julia Taft Bayne

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was born on March 4, 1845. Her father, Heratio Nelson Taft, was an attorney and chief examiner in the U.S. Patent Office. The family lived in Washington, D.C., a few blocks from the White House. Julia, at 16 years old, visited the White House often to supervise her 2 brothers, who were the constant playmates and sometime school mates of Willie and Tad Lincoln until Willie's death in February 1862. During her visits to the White House, Julia Taft was befriended by Mary and President Lincoln. She was known as the daughter the Lincoln's never had. She wrote a memoir entitled Tad Lincoln's Father, based on her visits to the White House and detailing her memories of the Lincoln's from 1861 to 1862. Julia Taft Bayne's memoir provides a unique glimpse into the social and family life of the Lincoln White House. In the work, she wrote of her initial fear of the towering rough and tumble Lincoln who won her over with teasing. She also discussed an emerging relationship with Mary, who had no daughters and took particular comfort in Julia's presence. Unfortunately, Julia and her two brothers left the White House shortly after Willie's funeral in 1862, because their presence caused pain to Mrs. Lincoln and Tad. Julia Bayne's half-brother, Charles Sabin Taft, was the first physician on the scene when President Lincoln was shot on April 14, 1865, at Ford's Theatre. And he remained with the President until his death. Julia Taft Bayne's detailed accounts of the interactions between President Lincoln and his family is still used by scholars today. She died December 14, 1933, at her daughter's home in Champaign, Illinois. Thank you.

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moylan, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege." Speaker Hoffman: "Please proceed."

Moylan: "Today we have in the gallery, in the Democratic side...

How about a warm Springfield welcome for Paul Piekarski and
all the trainmen and engineers from the Illinois State

Brotherhood of Engineers and Trainmen. Thank you guys for all
you do."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome, Mr. Piekarski. Representative Weber."

Weber: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please proceed."

Weber: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd just like to recognize our McHenry County Council of Governments joining us here in Springfield today and giving them a warm welcome. So, thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome. Representative Murphy, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Murphy: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Murphy: "I'm very honored that we have the eighth grade basketball team from Grant Middle School, who recently won the State Championship. They are also the Seventh Grade State Champions, last year with the same coach, Coach Jasmine. I hope everybody gives them a big General Assembly welcome. Thank you very much and congratulations."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gabel, on a point of personal privilege."

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Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege. I would like to recognize one of the most effective organizations in the State of Illinois, The Respiratory Health Association. They have been working on lung health for over a hundred years. They were very effective in passing 'Smoke-free Illinois' and they are here today to see the passage of 'Tobacco 21'. Please give them a warm welcome."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Monica Bristow, for what reason do you arise."

Bristow: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Bristow: "On behalf of Representatives Katie Stuart and C.D. Davidsmeyer, I stand to honor a fallen hero. Captain Jake Ringering, a Godfrey firefighter, died tragically yesterday while fighting a fire in a neighboring community. At 4:16 p.m., the Madison County Sheriff's Office received a call of a residential structure fire in Bethalto. The Madison County Sheriff's Office dispatched the Fosterburg Fire Department to the scene, who in turn requested mutual aid from the Bethalto, Cottage Hills, Brighton, Dorsey, and Godfrey Fire Departments. As the respective departments were battling the structure fire, a portion of the structure collapsed, injuring four firefighters. A Memorial ambulance, LifeStar ambulance, and Survival Flight helicopter were summoned to the scene to transport the engine... injured firefighters to St. Louis area hospitals. Two of the firefighters have since been treated and released. Godfrey firefighter, Luke Warner, remains hospitalized and in stable condition. Captain Ringering succumbed to his injuries. He was a determined,

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selfless individual who grew up in East Alton and graduated from East Alton-Wood River High School in 2000. Jake always wanted to be a firefighter. I ask for prayers for the other three fire fighters who were injured and prayers for the Captain's family and friends. I also ask for a moment of silence to honor this fallen... fallen hero Jake Ringering."

Speaker Hoffman: "The Body shall stand at a moment of silence.

Thank you. Representative Cassidy, for what reason do you arise?"

Cassidy: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Cassidy: "I want to introduce my Pages for the day, down in front.

We have Blake and Kyla Hillman. Many of you know their father,

Kyle Hillman from the National Association of Social Workers.

So if you're feeling hungry or thirsty, we've got some great

friends here to help us get coffee and pop if you need it."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Bryant."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Bryant: "Thank you, Sir. Today is... you're going to see a lot of folks walking around with purple on of some sort. It's... Epilepsy Advocacy Day. In fact, Sir, I would ask maybe if you could help, I have a House Resolution 0128, designating March 6, 2019, as Epilepsy Advocacy Day. So maybe we can get that moved a little bit later. But in the meantime, just a little bit of acknowledgment about epilepsy and about those who are her today to advocate for it. Epilepsy is a medical condition that produces seizures and they are manifested in a variety of ways. In fact, many seizure disorders, although they are

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diagnosed, there is no treatment for them. And so we're advocating as well for continued medical research in that area. But there are 3... 3 million people in the United States have epilepsy. One in twenty-six in the United States will develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime and there are 150,000 new cases of epilepsy in the United States every year. Two hundred thousand people in the State of Illinois have epilepsy. And so... there... it manifests itself in a variety of different ways and can be... but, in fact, it has a more common neurological disorder even than migraines, strokes, Alzheimer's, and a whole spectrum of other issues. And so we want to make sure that folks understand how serious this is and make sure that as the individuals who are making their way around, advocating for more epilepsy research today and also the acknowledgment of how serious it is. Please make them welcome today and make them welcome in your offices as well. Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege." Speaker Hoffman: "Your point."

Demmer: "Thank you. I'd like to welcome a couple of young men who are down today serving as Pages here on the Republican side.

We have Tate Downs and Kenny Boesen from St. Mary's School.

They're joined in the gallery by Tate's grandma, Connie Selmy.

Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Conyears-Ervin, for what reason do you arise?"

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Conyears-Ervin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal

privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Conyears-Ervin: "I'd like to ask my colleagues of the 101st General Assembly to help me welcome the nice gentleman from Urban Prep-West Campus who is up in the gallery to my right."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield."

Conyears-Ervin: "I'd like to thank the Urban Prep-West Campus for making certain that they help to educate young African American men on the West Side of Chicago. And I have to mention the Urban Prep Creed before I take my seat because I am so impressed by it. The creed states: 'We believe. We are the young men of Urban Prep. We are college bound. We are exceptional-not because we say it, but because we work hard at it. We will not falter at the face of any obstacle placed before us. We are dedicated, committed, and focused. We never succumb to mediocrity, uncertainty, or fear. We never fail because we never give up. We make no excuses. We choose to live honestly, nonviolently, and honorably. We respect ourselves and, in doing so, respect all people.' Thank you so much Urban Prep for joining us on today."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees are meeting at 2:30.

Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools is meeting in Room 115. Labor and Commerce is meeting in Room 114. State Government Administration in 122. Economic Opportunity & Equity in C-1. Meeting at 3:30 is Appropriations-General Services in 413, Appropriations-Public Safety in C-1, and Higher Education in Room 118."

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- Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution."
- Clerk Hollman: "Adjournment Resolution, House Joint Resolution 44, offered by Representative Harris, 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 when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, March 7, 2019, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 12, 2019, or until the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 12, 2019, or until the call of the President.
- Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Harris moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Adjournment Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, March 7, at the hour of noon, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The House stands adjourned."
- Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. A Member Statement, offered by Representative Keicher, on House Bill 3364."
- Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to Illinois' teacher shortage. An initiative I have introduced here in the House to help address it. First, to provide some context; the Illinois State Board of Education said that 2017-2018 school year began with about 2 thousand unfilled teaching positions across this state. A survey conducted by the

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Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools found that districts were increasingly having difficulty finding qualified candidates to apply for open teaching positions. The results of the survey showed concerns about teacher shortages were more prominent in rural districts and in the central part of the state and the substitute teacher shortage concerns were most evident in the southern parts of the state. Of the struggles, the most difficult positions to fill included bilingual Spanish, special education teachers, as well as nurses and school psychologists. The reduced candidate pool is likely caused by a combination of factors such as educators leaving Illinois and leaving the entire profession. Fewer students enrolled in Illinois approved programs leading to licensure, out of state educators choosing not to come to Illinois, and/or out of state educators not being able to meet Illinois' licensure standards and without substantial delays in additional requirements first being met. These issues span across the entire state and are not isolated in rural or urban communities or a particular district or geography. I have filed House Bill 3364 to help mitigate Illinois' teacher shortage by providing financial assistance through the MAP Grant, the Monetary Award Program Grant, to a person who is enrolled in an educator preparation program approved by the State of Illinois. Currently, if a person has received an eligible baccalaureate degree, they are ineligible for a MAP Grant. Under my Bill, if you are going back to school after receiving a degree in order to become a teacher and enroll in a program to receive a teaching certificate, you would now be

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eligible for a MAP Grant. The goal is to encourage those who are passionate about going into the teaching field and are seeking to get a degree to go back and to be able to do so without less hindrance. To be eligible, a person must also agree to teach in Illinois for five years after receiving their Professional Educator License. Illinois has many of the finest teachers in the country, I can attest to that. We need more of them. My Bill can help us do that by making MAP Grants available to all eligible students in financial need who return in order to give back to those in our classrooms. For those who are unfamiliar with MAP, it provides grant assistance to eligible student demonstrating a financial need. MAP Grants are applied towards tuition and mandatory fees for undergraduate students, currently. Approved Illinois public and private two and four year colleges and universities and certain under degree granting programs in the State of Illinois are eligible to participate in the MAP Grant program. I urge you, let's seize this opportunity to help recruit more of our best and brightest young people to go into the classroom and help the next generation of students succeed in Illinois public schools. I urge your help and assistance in doing this by supporting the passage of House Bill 3364. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Clerk Hollman: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 163, offered by Representative Carroll, is referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 91, offered by Representative Spain, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 110, offered by Representative Carroll, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue.

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Senate Bill 131, offered by Representative Spain, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Senate Bill 167, offered by Representative McCombie, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 191, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 246, offered by Representative Willis, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1571, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1596, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 1610, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."