Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Greg Harris, Chairperson for the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on January 28, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3700; recommends be adopted, referred to the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 100; approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 43, House Bill 180, House Bill 2816, House Bill 3624, House Bill 3700, Senate Bill 2140; approved for consideration, referred to Third Reading is House Bill 158, Senate Bill 1407. A letter from the Secretary of State dated... dated January 28, 2020. To the Honorable Speaker for the House: In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed House Bill from the 101st General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor together with objections. House Bill 3902. Respectfully signed, Jesse White, the Secretary of State."

Speaker Davis: "The House will be in order, and Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Barry Tidwell, who is with Rain or Shine Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois. Reverend Tidwell is the guest of Representative Buckner. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Tidwell."

Reverend Tidwell: "Our Father, we come to this House today to begin a new session of the business of the State of Illinois. We ask that you would endow us with your knowledge, your
understanding, and your compassion as we serve those who've put us in elected positions. We ask you now, God, that you would give us your grace, your peace, and your love and allow us to work together for the common good of the great State of Illinois. Look upon our Governor, his staff, and those that would work in conjunction with him. That we might make this state a state that would be pleasing to you. And the people said, Amen."

Speaker Davis: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Reverend... excuse me, Representative Ortiz."

Ortiz - 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 Davis: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Harris, for any excused absences on the Democratic side."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Kelly Cassidy is excused today."

Speaker Davis: "The record shall so reflect. Leader Spain, any excused absences on the Republican side?"

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Morrison, Stephens, and Unes are excused today."

Speaker Davis: "The record shall so reflect. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. With 112 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. On Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint
Resolution 100, offered by Leader Harris. Leader Harris is recognized on the Resolution."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Joint... House Joint Resolution 100, convenes the House and Senate in Joint Session tomorrow in order to hear the State of the State message from Governor JB Pritzker. I would appreciate a favorable roll call."

Speaker Davis: "Leader Harris moves... seeing no discussion, Leader Harris moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 100. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Leader Durkin, for what reason do you rise?"

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Davis: "Please state your point."

Durkin: "I would like to take a moment to let my colleagues on both sides of the aisle know that our newest Member and good friend Brad Stephens will be undergoing surgery this Friday. He suffered a hip injury over the holidays doing his household chores. So I hope you will all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. He looks forward to joining us. He'll be out for a few weeks until he is healed. In the meantime, myself and the other Members of the House Republican Caucus will be happy to fulfil any of Brad's responsibilities in Springfield. And we look forward to having him back soon. Thank you."

Speaker Davis: "Thank you, Leader Durkin. We certainly wish the Representative well. Representative Kalish, for what reason do you rise?"

Kalish: "Point of personal privilege, Sir."
Speaker Davis: "Please state your point."

Kalish: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Welcome back. Yesterday was the 75th anniversary of the liberation from Auschwitz. And we thought it was appropriate, those of the Jewish Caucus, thought it was appropriate to mention that today on the House Floor. I thank Representative Carroll for asking me to share some thoughts with you. We have an individual who lives in my district, a man by the name is Israel Starck. Mr. Starck wrote a book called, *The Boy Named 68818*, because that was the number that was inscribed on his arm when he was brought into Auschwitz. I'd like to read to you his words. What it was like for him to get into... to come into Auschwitz for the first time. He writes, 'Hurry, hurry. Everyone out. Move fast. Leave your bags. Let's go. No tarrying. Srulek saw a man enter, shouting commands to the weary passengers. Urging them out of the train. The man was not dressed as a soldier, he was wearing a striped blue-gray uniform made of coarse material with a number in colored symbols sewn into his jacket. This was Srulek's welcome to Auschwitz. Srulek's parents motioned to their son to stay back, and not yet get off with the others. Srulek followed his mother to the back of the cattle car. She quickly began to pull clothing from their little bundle that had served as a suitcase all these weeks. She tried to dress Srulek, another shirt, another. Another pair of trousers, another. At the same time, his father pushed the (unintelligible) into Srulek's hands. He said, Srulek hold onto these as long as you can. Try not to give them up. The guard screamed at them, what are you doing here? And the guard pulled Srulek from his
mother's hands. That was the last time he saw his mother. And he said, you can leave those clothes right where they are. You won't be needing them here. Srulek survived Auschwitz. He built a family in Chicago, his parents did not. When I think of our responsibility here in the Legislature, it is our role as leaders in our community, it is our responsibility to make sure monsters, like an Adolf Hitler, don't rise to power. It is our responsibility to make sure that people understand what it means, genocide. That people understand what it means to hate for nothing other than a person's belief or for another person's feeling. That is our role. That is our responsibility, to make sure when we say, never again… a lot of people can say never again, but when we say never again, we as Legislators, it means something else. Because we are taking upon ourselves a responsibility to make sure it actually never happens again. Not for the Jewish community, not for the African American community, not for the Syrian community, not for the Armenian community, not for any community that lost people for no other reason, other than that we were different. So how amazing is it today that we can stand here, myself with a yarmulke, my friends who are Jewish, my friends who are African American, my friends who come from a different land. How amazing is it that we can stand here today, together, working as a common goal, but even more so understanding our responsibility. We say, Isaiah tells us, (unintelligible). Isaiah says, that let God wipe death from… swallow up death forever; and may he erase tears from everyone's faces. That is a statement that we can all take with us throughout today as we remember Mr. Stark and
all those who went through this horrible idea... ordeal over 75 years ago. If we could take a moment of silence for all those who perished. The 6 million Jews, the 4 million others, and let's keep in mind the one and a half million children under the ages of 18 who were wiped out during that time."

Speaker Davis: "The Body shall take a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Hammond, for what reason do you rise?"

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Davis: "Please state your point."

Hammond: "I would invite all Members of the Illinois House to join me in wishing our Leader, Jim Durkin, a very happy birthday today."

Speaker Davis: "Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's wonderful to still be vertical at this age. And... I just want to say there was a great author that once said that age is an issue of mind over matter. And if you don't mind it, it won't matter. And it's more true today than ever. But I turned 59 today, and I realized that the cost of candles are more than the actual cake that I'll be eating later. So, I hope you will all put that in perspective. But thank you all for... Norine, thank you for the kind comments and thank you for the applause. I also want to recognize that my spokesperson, Eleni Demertzis, shares a birthday today as well. So thanks everybody."

Speaker Davis: "Happy birthday, Leader Durkin. Representative Severin, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Davis: "Please state your point."
Severin: "I'd like to welcome in the gallery today 41 people from the Whiteash Free Will Baptist Church. They've joined us today in the gallery, and we'd like to welcome them, Pastor Andy and his parishioners. They're here throughout the gallery and visiting for the first time. So I'd like to welcome them. Thank you."

Speaker Davis: "Thank you. Representative Meyers-Martin, for what reason do you rise?"

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Army Specialist Henry Mayfield, Jr."

Speaker Davis: "Would the Body please stand?"

Meyers-Martin: "Army Specialist Henry Mayfield, Jr., a 23-year-old soldier killed on January 5 in an attack on Manda Bay Airfield, a military base in Kenya on the continent of Africa. He graduated from Hillcrest High School in 2014 and attended Northern Illinois University. I would like to ask for a moment of silence recognizing Army Specialist Henry Mayfield, Jr., a resident in my district, the Village of Hazel Crest."

Speaker Davis: "Body shall take a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Hernandez, for what reason do you rise?"

Hernandez, L.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Davis: "Please state your point."

Hernandez, L.: "I will ask the Body if they would give a warm welcome to our newest, and I have to say our youngest, Member of the Assembly... of the 21st District, and that's Edgar Gonzalez. Let's give him a warm hand."

Speaker Davis: "Congratulations, Representative. Representative Gonzalez, for what reason do you rise?"

Gonzalez: "A point of personal privilege."
Speaker Davis: "Please state your point."

Gonzalez: "Thank you, everyone. My name is Edgar Gonzalez. I am the youngest Member. I am fresh out of the oven, and I am ready to get to work. Ready to look... look very much forward to working with all of you."

Speaker Davis: "Congratulations. Look forward to working with you as well. Representative Hernandez, again, for what reason do you rise?"

Hernandez, L.: "One more personal point of privilege."

Speaker Davis: "Please state your point."

Hernandez, L.: "I also want to ask the Assembly to welcome another Member, Eva Dina Delgado, is also one who just came in. Let's give her a warm welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Davis: "Representative Delgado, for what reason do you rise?"

Delgado: "I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Davis: "Please state your point."

Delgado: "Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Eva Dina Delgado. And it is my honor to speak before the General Assembly today. The 3rd District is a diverse community with deep Eastern European roots and a large Latino population. And I am very proud to represent them down here in Springfield. We are home to hardworking people, including first responders, teachers, health care workers. And we've always been a welcoming community for immigrants since the early 1900s. So again, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to speak today. And I look forward with working... to work with all of you to move Illinois forward, and to move the 3rd District forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."
Speaker Davis: "Thank you. The Chair would like to ask Members for their attention. Under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, we have House Resolution 653, offered by Representative Welter. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 653. be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of and honor the life of 18-month-old Colton Michael Miller."

Speaker Davis: "Representative Welter."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, fellow Members, I rise today to remember the life of Colton Michael Miller. A sweet, perfect, innocent, beautiful, 18-month-old boy from my district. You'll find a sheet on your desk with pictures of Colton. Please take a moment to view them. As you can see he was a happy little boy with a mother and a sister that loved him greatly. With this Resolution we are honoring Colton's life, while also calling attention to the scourge of domestic violence. I'm going to share with you a recent tragedy that occurred in Joliet, on the border of my district. And the courageous advocacy of a survivor who is here with us today in the Speaker's Gallery. Cassandra Tanner-Miller, Colton's mother, she is joined here today with her daughter, Cameryn, also referred to as Zaza by little Colton. Joining them are her parents and friends. I'm so proud of Cassandra and her determination to ensure Colton's legacy continues by helping to prevent another tragedy like theirs. Almost a year ago, after Cassandra had left her marital home, removing her and her children from an abusive situation, all of hell broke loose. On September 21, 2019,
just as most days in the afternoon, Cassandra had just fed Colton and put him to sleep in her room upstairs. As she and her daughter were downstairs in the kitchen, Cassandra noticed a figure in the backdoor. It was her estranged husband. As he forced his way through the door and... she yelled to her daughter to go get Colton and to not stop for anything. Cassandra believes she saw the devil that day. As he was breaking into her home, he asked if they were ready to die today. The events that followed are truly tragic and difficult to talk about, but we have to. Cassandra was beaten and strangled, dragged some, beaten and strangled again. Now laying at the bottom of her stairs, as one last measure he hit her with a large metal candlestick holder knocking her unconscious. After leaving her at the bottom of the stairs he made his way upstairs to the bedroom where Colton was in. This coward did the unthinkable. He fired multiple rounds into 18-month-old Colton Michael Miller while he was lying there asleep. Before ultimately turning the gun on himself and committing suicide. Every time a man, woman, or child is injured or killed in an act of domestic violence, it is a brutal and heartbreaking reminder of how all too often the existing legal systems in place intended to protect our families and prevent tragedies like this from occurring are not enough. And I'm here to tell you, folks, it's not enough. In fact, in too many cases they fail all together. In the case of 18-month-old Colton, his murder could have been prevented. Christopher Miller, the coward responsible for taking Colton's life, had his FOID card revoked in January of 2018 as a result of aggravated battery charge. Yet, he was
never made to surrender his firearms. Taking initiative herself out of concern for her safety and her children's safety, Cassandra reported her estranged husband's violent behavior and drug use to the Illinois National Guard of which he was a member of. They told her that because he was not on military orders at the time of the allegation they were limited as to what they could do. So they did nothing and stopped taking Cassandra's calls, her pleads for help. I'm sharing this story with you today in hopes that it'll serve as a catalyst for Members of this General Assembly to take action to improve our laws, to better protect the victims of domestic violence, and most importantly to save lives. Specifically with the help of Cassandra and multiple folks, I have filed legislation calling for the creation of an Intergovernmental Domestic Violence Task Force, also known as Colton's Task Force, House Bill 4262, to accomplish four key objectives. Conduct a comprehensive review of Illinois' domestic violence laws. Make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding those laws. Establish a framework for specialized protective networks for victims, 'cause folks we need it. In all areas of the state we need it. Treatment options for victims and offenders. And review the need for special consideration for conditions of bail in cases involving domestic violence within the ongoing changes brought about by bail reform. I have slips here with me at my desk for Members to join me in the sponsorship of this task force. Please stop over and see me today or contact my office about joining on to House Bill 4262. But by working together to identify and correct the lapses in our laws that heighten
the risk for more men, women, and children to be abused or killed, we can honor the life of 18-month-old Colton Miller and every other victim of domestic violence across Illinois. I respectfully ask the Body to join me in observing a moment of silence in the memory of young Colton Miller, and to show our respect to his mother and his sister Cameryn who are present with us today."

Speaker Davis: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Welter moves for the adoption of House Resolution 653. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Thank you very much, Representative. Leader Spain, for the purposes of an announcement."

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The House Republicans will caucus in Room 118."

Speaker Davis: "House Republicans will caucus in Room 118. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Speaker Davis: "Leader Harris moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, January 29, at the hour of 11:30 a.m. 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 until Wednesday, January 29, at 11:30 a.m."