Speaker Hoffman: "The House will come to order, Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Michael Fogerson who is with the First Baptist Church and Chaplin at Chester Mental Health Center in Chester, Illinois. He is the guest of Representative Reitz. 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. Pastor Fogerson."

Pastor Fogerson: "Earlier this morning there was a plane crash in Lincoln. Three people passed away, if we could just have a moment of silence. Almighty God, we come to you today. We thank you for your grace and your mercy and your incredible love for us. Lord, we pray for those who have lost loved ones today in this the tragedy that occurred not too far from here. We pray for your grace and your peace. Lord, I pray a blessing and your wisdom upon this House. Lord, I pray that you would give them discernment. I pray that you would guide and guard their minds, their thoughts, and their actions. Lord, I pray that what is done and said and spoken in here would be glorifying to you, and for the betterment of this State, and for the welfare of her citizens. Lord, we love you, and we ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus. And we pray, Amen."

Speaker Hoffman: "We shall be led in the Pledge today by Representative Deluca."

Deluca - 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. Leader Harris is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side. Leader Harris."

Harris: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative Turner is excused today."

Speaker Hoffman: "And Representative Spain, Leader Spain, is recognized to report and excused absences on the Republican side. Leader Spain."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you, Leader. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 107 being present, we have a quorum. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 03, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3994."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz, for what reason do you rise? Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Gong-Gershowitz: "I just wanted to take a moment to introduce two of my constituents who are here with us today. A long time Glenview resident, and also the parents of one of our favorite staffers, James Hartman, if I could please get a warm Springfield welcome for Mary Beth and Amanda Hartman?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Swanson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"
Swanson: "Thank you. Point of personal privilege."
Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."
Swanson: "Thank you. With me today is my Honorary Page. Her name is Annika Spring. She is a senior at Galesburg High School. She's on the Student Council, FFA, and also loves welding. She has show cattle, pigs, and sheep as her FFA projects. She's involved in 4-H, livestock judging, and her career plans include going to Carl Sandburg College where she has identified a welding certificate and then going on to nursing school. So, would you please help me welcome Annika Spring here today?"
Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Bailey."
Bailey: "Point of personal privilege, please."
Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."
Bailey: "I'd like to introduce a couple of groups first, and then a special guest of honor here today. So, with me today from the District 109, off to our left, is Edwards County FFA. Off to our right, we have the North Clay FFA. And over here to the right as well, we have Full Armor Christian Academy FFA. So, welcome to Springfield. I also would like to honor up here to the right, behind us, Ms. 2020 Fair Queen, Kelsi Kessler, from White County. Kelsi is 18, she is your County Fair Queen. Kelsi is 18 from Carmi, she was crowned the 61st Miss Illinois County Fair Queen while representing White County in the 110th annual Association of Agricultural Fairs. The pageant was hosted by the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs at the Crowne Plaza in January, 17th through 19th of 2020. More than 3,000 were in attendance. In August of last year, 25 years after her mother was honored as..."
White County Fair Queen, Kelsi Kessler was crowned 167 days later as Miss Illinois State County Fair Queen. So, I'd to welcome her parents and her grandparents to Springfield today and thank you very much."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Hammond: "Mr. Speaker, I have an important announcement for all members of the House and certainly Members of the General Assembly. Tomorrow morning, Illinois Agribusiness will be hosting a breakfast and a legislative update beginning at 8:15 at the Sangamo Club. There will be a brief discussion and for those of you that have been kind enough to attend in the past, you will know that it's done in a very efficient way so it won't take up a lot of your morning, but it's important. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, please read House Resolution 709, offered by Representative Stuart."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 709, offered by Representative Stuart. be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Lincoln Middle School cheer team, the Wildcats, on their successful 2019/2020 season and their state championship, and we wish them many more successful seasons."
Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stuart is recognized on the Resolution."

Stuart: "Thank you, Chairperson Hoffman. If you could direct your attention to the Speaker's gallery, I have some amazing athletes here from Lincoln Middle School in Edwardsville, Illinois. Which, I'm a little bit biased, I think is one of the two top middle schools in the entire state. They recently won, they ranked first out of 19 schools in the large team routine, and won first in the IESA State Championship. But I have to brag a little bit. We have a rival middle school across town, Liberty Middle School, who actually came in second place in this same competition. So, the Edwardsville cheerleaders just dominated. I look forward to seeing many more from these talented young women. If I could just take a minute and name them off? We have Annie Bozarth, Maggie Bowser, Lexi Brannen, Maddie Bull, Tess Deweese, Georgia Gaughan, Emeree Giles, Abbie Hendricks, Maddie Hubbard, Jaliegha Jackson, Charli Jones, Sophia Lynch, Ashlinn Maguire, Ava Mayes, Cami Reaka, Brenna Reuhl, Josie Rutledge, Bella Summers, Maren Wagenblast, Alyssa Wittkamp, and Maddy Ziobro. And, I'd also like to recognize the feat was accomplished with two first year coaches, Erin Meyer and Kylie Hendricks. So, I want to wish a congratulations, and their parents are also up in the gallery to enjoy this day with them. Thank you and good job."

Speaker Hoffman: "Congratulations. It is my understanding this Resolution was adopted on a previous day. Thank you, Members, and congratulations again. Members, we'll move to page 3 of
the Calendar, on the Order of Second Readings. House Bill 3878, Representative Costa Howard. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3878, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. On page 3 of the Calendar, House Bill 3892, Representative Ford. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3892, 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 3836, Representative Ford. House Bill 3836. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3836, a Bill for an Act public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."


Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3959, 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, Representative Kifowit on House Bill 3961. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3961, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No
Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Kifowit, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt House Floor Amendment #1. This Bill just pertains to the ailments task force that we passed last year. The appointments were not filed primarily from IDVA. IDVA is now ready to make appointments, and we had to adjust the effective date to meet before June 1, 2020, and have the report ready by the end of the year."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3961. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Any Further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "No Further Amendments. No Motions are filed."


Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4103, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in Committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 4122, Representative Demmer. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4122, 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 4246, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4246, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."


Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4293, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 4306, Representative Sonya Harper. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4306, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. On page 4 of the Calendar, House Bill 4309, Representative Evans. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4309, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."
Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. House Bill 4403, Representative Ford. Out of the record. To page 5 of the Calendar, House Bill 4508. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4508, 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. House Bill 4510, Representative Scherer. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4510, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. On page 5 of the Calendar, House Bill 4516, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4516, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A fiscal note has been requested, but not filed at this time."


Williams: "Point of personal privilege please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Williams: "Today begins the first in a series of vignettes about groundbreaking and inspiring women as part of Women’s History Month."
Speaker Hoffman: "Please proceed."
Williams: "I begin with former Illinois Senator, Penny Lee Severns. Energetic. Charismatic. A person of great integrity. A rising star. These are a just a few words I’ve heard used to describe Penny Severns, who was an Illinois State Senator from Decatur, Illinois, from 1986 until her tragic death from breast cancer at the young age of 46. Even as a child, Penny exhibited leadership qualities. Her brother, Rod, told me the story, just this morning, of how as young girl, around 10 or 11 years old, she won a national competition for selling the magazine subscriptions. The prize was $100, a huge amount of money for a kid of 10 years old. But in typical Penny fashion, she shared it with her brother and sisters, dividing it equally among her siblings. Penny’s start in politics came at a young age, when at 20 years old, she was elected as an alternate delegate at the 1972 Democratic National Convention, at the time the youngest delegate ever elected. Her rise in the Illinois political arena was swift and decisive over the next several years until she won her Senate seat. After working at in DC for a while, she returned home to Decatur where she soon found her true calling, running and winning a seat… taking out… oh, I'm sorry… taking a seat on the Decatur City Council in 1983, receiving the most votes for a city council seat. A champion of working families. A natural. The real deal. Penny was a populist, and she was considered a progressive long before the term was really used, but she was beloved by the mostly blue collar, working class community of Decatur. A political force to be reckoned with, she ran for the Senate seat in 1984 and beat an incumbent
handily. She had an uncanny ability to remember faces and names. People took note of that. She truly cared and put her constituents first, always. Penny met people where they were, she always had time to talk and moreover, to listen. Their problems were her problems, and regardless of whether she was at the bank, the grocery store, mowing her lawn, or even rushing to the airport to catch a flight, she took time stop, talk, and to listen. She was truly a woman of the people. When one of her political opponents hosted an ostentatious $50-a-plate fundraising dinner in Decatur, she responded by hosting a 50-cent chicken dinner with chip and sandwiches. But her supporters loved it, because they loved her. Tough. Driven. Outspoken. Sometimes controversial. While serving in the Senate, Penny continued to make history. She held the position of Minority Caucus Whip and was the first women to serve as a Chief Budget Negotiator in the Senate. She was incredibly well respected by colleagues, always sharing articles of interest and could be found working in her office in the early in the morning hours long before the Senate convened for Session. She sat in the row of seats in the Senate known as 'liberal row' with other Senators of similar political leanings, such as Barack Obama. He later referred to her as one of his mentors. Determined. A fighter. A fierce competitor. In 1994, Penny marked another first, she was the party’s nominee for Lt. Governor, which was the first and only time there were two women at the top of the ticket in Illinois, Penny Severns and Dawn Clark-Netsch. Her next move, to run for Secretary of State, was abruptly curtailed when her cancer returned with a vengeance. She passed away far too
soon in 1998. Though I never knew Penny, this is not the first time I have mentioned her name on the House floor. The first was to tell a love story, during the marriage equality debate, about a great but hidden love between Penny and her then partner and my dear friend, Terry Mutchler. In fact, Terry wrote a book was written about their story, called Under This Beautiful Dome. It’s a story about love, and about politics, and about healing. A story that has become part of the rich tapestry of this amazing woman’s life. Penny’s legacy of service is memorialized in so many ways today. An award has been established in her name. The Breast, Cervical, and Ovarian Cancer Research Fund has been named after her. As many of you know, and have driven along it, a stretch of Highway 72 between Springfield and Decatur has been renamed the Penny Severns Memorial Highway. After Penny died, her brother, who is a firefighter in Decatur, was stopped in a grocery store wearing a jacket bearing their last name. A woman came up to him and said, are you related to Penny Severns? He said yes, and she told the story of how years prior, she was at the pharmacy to pick up a much needed prescription, and she didn’t enough money. Penny reached into her purse, and gave her the money she needed for the prescription. Penny never told this story, but that, my friends, is a legacy. Stories like this were not uncommon. One of a kind. A loyal friend. One of the loveliest people that ever walked in shoe leather. When I drive along the Penny Severns Memorial Highway, I can’t help but think of what Penny might have accomplished if she wasn’t taken from us so soon. Would she have been the first women to be Governor? Would she
have taken a prominent spot in the national spotlight? What other great work would she have done? Her trajectory was steep, I can only imagine what other firsts, she would have achieved had she lived longer. Penny has been described as one of a kind. Her life was short, but packed with a commitment to service and a passion for life that we can only hope to achieve. She is an example for all of us as to what it means to truly serve. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Scherer, for what reason do you rise?"

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to add on to what Representative Williams had just said. I'll keep my comments quick. I did know Penny Severns personally, as she was the former Senator from my district. And she is everything that Representative Williams said and more. I will never forget the times that my class, when I was teaching, came over to the Capitol and she would... I have so many pictures of my class with her. And there was just something that struck me about her. Because every time we would do the pictures, either by the grand stairwell, or sometimes she'd say, let's go outside, that's an even better picture, and we'd go out to the North stairs. Her staff person would always say, Senator, you've got to go, you've got to go, you've got Committee, you've got to go. And every year, it would be the same story, no, these kids are more important that any committee, and I'll stay with these kids however long until all their questions are answered. I had never even dreamed of doing this job at that point, but that stuck with me and I would never forget that, and I have always remembered that when I have visitors. I am
always reminded of what she said to our class, no, I have time for you. I thought these are kids, they're not old enough to vote for her, but she had time for us. She was the first woman from my community to do anything of any significance really, and so it is a great honor to follow in her footsteps. And it's also a very high bar for me to try to reach up to even anywhere close to what she did. It is such an honor, and I never forget those days of pictures with her, and I will bring them and share with people as soon as I can dig them out of my tub at home. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Pappas: "Ladies and Gentleman, yesterday was the first Monday in March, which in Illinois is the day we celebrate and honor General Casimir Pulaski. Pulaski was born in Poland, and first distinguish himself there while battling against Russian invaders. The subsequently traveled to Paris, where he met Benjamin Franklin, and learned about the American colonies struggle for independence. From Paris, he traveled to Pennsylvania, and joined the Revolutionary War effort. At the battle of Brandywine, he led an attack against British forces that helped cover the American Army retreat. Subsequently, George Washington made him a General and first leader of the American Cavalry. Pulaski's leadership was instrumental in keeping Charleston out of British hands, and he died after being wounded as he led the cavalry charge during the siege of Savannah. Pulaski's most famous quote comes from a letter
he wrote to George Washington, in which he said, 'I came here where freedom is being defended, to serve it and to live or die for it.' As we now know, he did die defending our freedom. But in celebrating Pulaski Day, we are not only celebrating his heroism in fighting for our values of freedom and independence. In addition to being a hero, Pulaski is also a symbol of the spirit of friendship and cooperation between the Polish and American people that dates back all the way to the birth of the United States and continues to this day. Polish American cooperation is great, even today, and Poland is one of our closest military allies in the European Union. Since the arrival of General Pulaski in American shores, the United States has welcomed immigrants from Poland. And we, in turn, contributed to the success of the United States. So, Pulaski Day is a celebration of all the Polish Americans, who live in Illinois and in the United States and the continuation of our friendship. By celebrating Pulaski Day, we're celebrating the many contributions of Polish Americans to Illinois. And, I hope that you will join me in the celebration not just on Pulaski Day, but also by joining our new Polish American Legislative Caucus, which is open to all Members who represent any constituent with Polish Ethnic background, and want to recognize the historical, cultural, and economic contributions of these constituents. Thanks."

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

Buckner: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."
Buckner: "Mr. Speaker, yesterday Charles Freeman, the former Chief Justice..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Members. Members. Members."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please proceed."

Buckner: "Yesterday, Charles Freeman, the former Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, made his transition. Today, I would like to rise to honor his life, his legacy, and his career. He was the first African American to be elected Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. This was the pinnacle of his long and storied career here in Illinois. But throughout his career, Justice Freeman created a legacy that will live forever. He was committed to making sure that the state judicial system was accountable and accessible to all Illinoisans, but particularly those who needed it the most. Chief Justice Freeman believed in justice, absolute justice, which is why he showed particular interest in administrative reform and prosecutorial misconduct cases. Chief Justice Freeman was a trail blazer, a pillar, and a complete gentleman. His incredible understanding and application of the law, and his tedious preparation for oral arguments and judicial conferences were examples of his lifelong commitment to being the best jurist that he could and a lifelong student of the law. His integrity, his fidelity, his objective approach, and his ability to be impartial are all things that all of us who hold the honor and responsibilities of being Members of the Bar should strive to mirror. Chief Justice Freeman was a first-class intellect with a first-class temperament. Today, we mourn his death and honor his legacy..."
as a champion and a trail blazer and a shining light. Mr. Speaker, I know there may be more folks who want to speak on this topic, but I ask that once everyone says something that is germane, that we have a moment of silence for Chief Justice Freeman. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The Body shall have a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to ditto the remarks of the previous speakers in regards to Penny Severns, Senator Penny Severns, as well as Chief Justice Freeman. I had the pleasure of serving with Senator Severns and I had the pleasure of being a young volunteer worker for then Harold Washington and attorney Freeman, on 63rd and Halsted, is where the office was. So again, I just want to ditto the remarks and say that when I look back over my life, I could truly say that I've walked with some great people, and it's been my pleasure. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees have been canceled for this afternoon: Public Utilities has been canceled. Financial Institutions has been canceled. Veterans Affairs has been canceled. Meeting at 2:00 is Approps. Elementary in D-1, Agriculture in Room 115, Insurance in Room 114, Transportation Regulation Roads and Bridges in C-1, Adoption and Child Welfare Room 122. Meeting at 3:00 is Energy and Environment in 114, Healthcare Availability and Accessibility in Room 115, Cities and Villages in D-1, Judiciary Criminal in 118."
Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Spain, for what reason do you seek recognition?"
Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. An announcement. Upon adjournment today, the House Republicans will caucus in Room 118."
Speaker Hoffman: "The House Democrats will not caucus, will not caucus. Mr. Clerk."
Clerk Hollman: "One more cancellation for this afternoon. Cities and Villages has been canceled for this afternoon. Cities and Villages has been canceled."
Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."
Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Harris moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, March 4, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."
Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 793, offered by
Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 798, offered by Representative Butler. House Resolution 801, offered by Representative Ammons. House Resolution 802, offered by Representative West. House Resolution 804, offered by Representative West. House Joint Resolution 118, offered by Representative Parkhurst. House Joint Resolution 119, offered by Representative Skillicorn. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2311, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. First Reading of this Senate Bill. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5752, offered by Representative Guzzardi, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of this House Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."