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Speaker Hoffman: "The Special Session of the House will come to order. Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and please rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly father, we come now, praising your mighty power and endless authority. We lift up to you our State Representatives who have a God-given duty to exact justice, defend the rights of the poor and the needy, and to give the land the rest that it so desperately needs. Lord, strengthen them with integrity and character to act righteously and not out of selfish ambition. Protect them from all evil powers that maneuver to coerce them. Grant them abundant wisdom so that they may know your ways to labor for the good of creation and all of us who daily depend on it for life and health. This we ask in your son's name, Amen."

Speaker Hoffman: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today 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. Leader Greenwood is recognized to report any excused absences on the democratic side of the aisle. Leader Greenwood."

Greenwood: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that all Democrats are present today."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Batinick is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Batinick: "Mr. Speaker, please excuse Representative Tom Morrison."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Batinick."

Batinick: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative McLaughlin and Lewis, Seth Lewis, will be voting remotely and they are not in the chamber."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Batinick, they will... we will have to do a Motion later, and they will be added to the attendance at that time. There are 114 being present, we have a quorum. The House Floor has Special Session. Mr. Clerk, please read the Joint Proclamation."

Clerk Hollman: "Joint Proclamation from the two Legislative Leaders."

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 empowers the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to convene special sessions of the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, Under Article IV, Section 3(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, in the year following each federal decennial census year, the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the Legislative Districts and the Representatives Districts, and a redistricting plan shall be enacted and become effective by June 30;

WHEREAS, in early 2020 the United States Census Bureau confirmed it would not release the 2020 Census Public Law 94-171 population data prior to June 30, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, While the 2020 Census Public Law 94-171 population data was not available as required by federal law, the General Assembly remained constitutionally mandated to enact a redistricting plan prior to June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2777 of the 102nd General Assembly was amended with legislative language creating the General Assembly Redistricting Act of 2021, which established the boundaries of all 59 Legislative Districts and 118 Representative Districts; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly passed House Bill 2777, in compliance with the requirements of Article VI, Section 8 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, on May 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the redistricting plan set forth in House Bill 2777 was signed into law by the Governor as Public Act 102-0010, becoming effective on June 4, 2021 and fulfilling the General Assembly's mandate under Article IV, Section 3(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2021, the United States Census Bureau released the 2020 Census Public Law 94-171 population data to the States, including Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 vests legislative power in the General Assembly, and the General Assembly may pass legislative, as provided in Article IV, Section 8, to amend the redistricting plan enacted in Public Act 102-0010, or adopt a new redistricting plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, and in conformity with the Special Session Act, 25 ILCS 15, A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE

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102nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND CALLED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Special Session shall convene on August 31, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. The House of Representatives and the Senate shall convene at the State Capitol Building in Springfield, Illinois.

2. The purpose of the Special Session shall be to consider legislative measures related to the legislative redistricting plan, including amending Public Act 102-0010 to incorporate the 2020 Census Public Law 94-171 population data.

3. The Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House shall take whatever reasonable steps necessary to notify the members of the purpose and the date and time set for convening this Special Session. Issued August 20, 2021. Signed Don Harmon, President of the Senate, and Emanuel 'Chris' Welch, the Speaker of the House."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, Introduction of Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Special Session House Resolution 1 and Special Session House Resolution #2 are offered by Representative Harris."

Speaker Hoffman: "The Chair recognizes Representative Harris."

Harris: "Mr. Speaker, I move for the suspension of applicable House Rules to allow for the immediate consideration of Special House Resolutions 1 and 2."

Speaker Hoffman: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The

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'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk, please read Special Session House Resolution #1 and 2."

Clerk Hollman: "Special Session House Resolution #1.

RESOLVED, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Second General Assembly be adopted as the Rules of this First Special Session, so far as the same may be applicable, and that the Committees of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Second General Assembly, including the House Journal Review Committee and their membership, shall constitute the Committees of the House during this First Special Session. Special Session House Resolution #2.

RESOLVED, that the Clerk inform the Senate that a majority of the House of Representatives has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening a First Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Harris moves for the adoption of Special Session Resolutions 1 and 2. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolutions are adopted. Regarding House Rule 51.5, please remember to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth, except for when necessary for eating or drinking. Members may remove their face covering when speaking into the microphone at their desks. Representative Welter."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, the House Republicans request an immediate caucus in Room 114."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Greenwood."

Greenwood: "Mr. Speaker, the Democrats request a caucus, virtually, immediately."

Speaker Hoffman: "Stand in recess to the call of the Chair."

Speaker Evans: "Evans in the Chair. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 443, offered by Representative Lisa Hernandez, is referred to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will meet immediately. The Rules Committee will meet immediately."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Hernandez, Chairperson from the Committee on Redistricting reports the following committee action taken on August 31, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House... correction, Senate Bill 927. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on August 31, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 927; recommends be adopted, referred to the Order of Resolutions is House Resolution 443."

Speaker Hoffman: "The House shall come to order. Leader Harris, for what reason do you rise?"

Harris: "Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a Motion that Representatives Seth Lewis and Martin McLaughlin be allowed to participate and vote remotely under the Rules of the House today."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Harris has moved that Representative Seth Lewis and Representative McLaughlin be allowed to vote remotely. We need a recorded roll call. All in favor vote

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'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And they shall be allowed to vote remotely. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Is Representative Lewis available?"

Lewis: "Yes, Representative Lewis is here. Yes."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Lewis is present. Is Representative McLaughlin present?"

McLaughlin: "Yes, Representative McLaughlin is here."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative McLaughlin is present."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, please add them to the roll. On Supplemental Calendar #3, appears House Resolution 443, Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you, Speaker. I am here today to keep the promise made back in May when we passed the legislative maps, that when the 2020 Census data was released, we would take a look at the data and make adjustments as needed. Due to unprecedented circumstances of the COVID pandemic and delays from the Federal Government, the 2020 Census data was unavailable in the spring. In May, to meet our constitutional obligation to redraw the Legislative Districts by June 30, the General Assembly passed the legislative redistricting plan, used the best data available to... to us, and that plan was signed into law and became effective on June 4. With the release of the census data three weeks ago, we have reviewed the data and are proposing to adjust the map to reflect the 2020 Census. House Resolution 443 provides a detailed

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description of the adjusted House Districts, including information on population data, demographic data, communities of interest, and other points of interest relevant to the drawing of the district. Each of the districts in the adjusted map was drawn to be substantially equal in population. In fact, the districts have a total population deviation of 0.48 percent. Each of the... each of the districts in the adjusted map was drawn to be substantially equal... I'm sorry, I said that already. Each of the districts in the adjusted map before you are compact and contiguous. Notably, the adjusted map is as compact as the 2011 map. In making adjustments, we strived to reflect the racial and geographic diversity of this state, preserve the core or boundaries of the existing districts, to preserve communities of interest, and to respect political subdivision boundaries wherever possible. In short, the adjusted map before you is not only consistent with the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions, as well as the Federal and... and Illinois Voting Rights Acts, it is consistent with the diversity and values of our great state. Before we go to debate, I would like to thank the Members of the House Redistricting Committee and all of those who submitted written testimony or participated in the nearly 40 hearings across the state to gather input about redistricting this year. I am truly grateful for your hard work and dedication. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you, Leader Hernandez. On this Resolution, we are going to go to Leader Butler first since he was the Minority Spokesperson on the Redistricting Committee. We're

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going to then, after Leader Butler, institute a three-minute time limit for speakers. However, other Members can yield their time. Leader Butler. And Rep.. Leader Manley in the Chair."

Butler: "Good to go, Madam Chair?"

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Butler."

Butler: "Thank you. And just a point of inquiry with the Chair. I'm sorry, I missed the beginning today. What's the rule on masks? I know when we met last, when you were speaking, you could take your mask off."

Speaker Manley: "If you're speaking on the mic, you can remove your mask."

Butler: "Thank you. I appreciate that. A few questions of the Sponsor."

Speaker Manley: "She will yield."

Butler: "Thank you. Representative Hernandez... Leader Hernandez, first of all, I would echo your statements in thanking the entire committee and the staff for the work that they've done over these several months when it comes to redistricting. Certainly, without our staff on both sides of the aisle, none of this would be possible. So, I completely agree with your sentiments on that. We had a robust debate on this Resolution in the spring, the Resolution that passed in the spring. So... and I know you explained this a little bit in your remarks, but what is the significance of this Resolution to, I assume, the legislation that we're going to see soon when it comes to redistricting?"

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Hernandez, L.: "So, we are amending the redistricting plan, enacted as Public Act 102-10, to incorporate the 2020 Census data. This is no different than amending any other existing statute."

Butler: "But... but what is the relationship to this... this Resolution to the legislation that we will consider?"

Hernandez, L.: "It's just giving further detail and description."

Butler: "Okay. So, this... this replaces the Resolution that we passed earlier in the spring with the descriptive outline of what the new districts will be, correct?"

Hernandez, L.: "This Resolution reflects the data that will be presented in the Bill shortly."

Butler: "So... so, this Resolution... the Resolution that was passed in May is different, correct, than this Resolution? The verbiage, the descriptions, the districts, are different than what we passed back in May, correct?"

Hernandez, L.: "It's being amended. We're just adjusting. No different than what we would do with any other legislation that needs some adjustments."

Butler: "I would argue that these are some rather large adjustments that we've made between May and now when it comes to both this Resolution and the legislation that we will... that we will see later on. The descriptions in here of this district... so, I'm looking at proposed District 95, which is the district around here. What goes into these descriptions? Is it... is it demographic data? Is... I kind of scanned through this over the last... I think this was introduced about a half hour ago. And I've tried to scan through this, but going

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through 118 Districts and whatever pages this is, is very difficult and gets to the point of what we've been talking a lot about, is the lack of transparency on this entire process when you drop something like this. And now, we're debating it 30 minutes later. So, what goes into this? Is this demographic data? Is it geography descriptions? What... what is it?"

Hernandez, L.: "Yeah, all... pretty much, you said it all. So, it's... it's the data and the various criteria."

Butler: "And so, these are correct for each 118 districts? So, if we go through this, like we did in the spring, and looked at House Resolution 443, there's no mistakes in here?"

Hernandez, L.: "I believe so."

Butler: "Okay. You know, I think we're going to have a robust debate on the Bill, itself, and not the Resolution. I think we understand what this Resolution is for. Again, I would say the process here is broken, folks. It's beyond broken. This is a Resolution that was introduced 30 minutes ago that is a basis for the legal descriptions of the districts that we're going to have for the next 10 years, and the citizens of Illinois have 30 minutes to review it. It's not the way we should be doing business. I would urge a 'no' vote on this Resolution."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Marron for three minutes."

Marron: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Resolution."

Manley: "To the Resolution."

Marron: "You know, I've had a lot of time this afternoon to reminisce a little bit, had plenty of time on my hands, and

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I thought back to one of the... the best days that I can remember in my life. I was about 6 or 7 years old, and my mom took me out of school, and she brought me here, to this building, and watched... we sat up there in that gallery and we watched this Body deliberate. And then, we went and saw the Lincoln sites. And then, later on, President Reagan was giving a speech on a farm outside of town. And I remember that day vividly. It was an amazing day. It was an amazing time because people back then, the way I remembered it, people had faith in their government. They believed in Legislative Bodies like this. They believed that elected officials had the best interest of their constituents at heart. Fast forward almost 40 years to where we're at today, and we witnessed one of the greatest crises in the history of our nation, the fact that people don't believe in our form of government anymore. People don't believe. They don't trust in Legislative Bodies like this. People have lost faith in elected officials. People believe that elected officials only have their own best interest, their selfish interest, at heart. And how did we get here? Well, it's pretty easy if you examine the record. When you do things like drop 3 thousand page budgets at the very end of a Legislative Session and vote on it within hours, when nobody has a chance to read it, and hide things in there like legislative pay raises, people lose faith and trust in their government. When you drop life-altering, societal-altering legislation in the dead of night, with literally hours left to go in a lame duck Session, voted on... that legislation passed, and voted on by people who are no longer accountable

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to the voters, people lose their faith and trust in government. When our colleagues are indicted for things like bribery, and illegal lobbying activities, and corruption, and they're sent to federal prison, and we do nothing substantial to eliminate that kind of behavior, people lose faith in government. When our Governor runs on a promise that he will veto any partisanly drawn legislative map, and then signs it, signs a very partisan map as soon as it hits his desk, people lose faith in our form of government. When we have legislative hearings in certain parts of the state and nobody from the Majority Party bothers to show up because apparently it's not that important, people lose faith in our government. And so, here we are, here, today. How many of you..."

Speaker Manley: "Representative, can you bring your remarks to a close? Representative Wilhour will give you his three minutes."

Marron: "How many of you, in your district, looked your constituents in the eye and told them that you supported a fair map process? How many of you looked your constituents in the eye and said that you did not support a partisanly drawn map? How many of you, after this vote is taken today, will have blatantly lied to your constituents? You would do well to ask yourself that as we take the vote today. You would do well to ask yourself that because history is going to judge us in how we handled this crisis. And I pray that we would all be able to look ourselves in the mirror and know that we did the right thing and that we didn't further erode the

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public's faith and confidence in our system by rubber-stamping this Mickey Mouse process. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Bourne for three minutes."

Bourne: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Bourne: "Thank you. Leader Hernandez, I just want to tell you, thank you for all of your work. I know that we've spent a lot of hours in hearings together and on the floor. Can you tell me how long ago this Resolution was filed?"

Hernandez, L.: "It was just filed today, but we have been working on it."

Bourne: "Yes, but how long ago was it filed? Was it filed this morning, an hour ago, less than an hour ago?"

Hernandez, L.: "Maybe about a couple of hours ago. Two... two, three maybe. Within the last hour."

Bourne: "Within the last hour. I think it's close to within the last half hour. This morning, I asked how long we would have to review this Resolution, and I didn't get an answer. But I... I kind of sarcastically said, 'Is it going to be 20 or 30 minutes?' And that turned out to be true. So, I hope that isn't the input you took from our hearing today and incorporated in this process. I'm looking at a, let's see, a hundred and how many page document. And I've scanned through it as quickly as I could and have some questions about some of the very specific text in it. And I think this is important because today, this morning in our hearing, when some of those who were testifying asked questions about why boundary lines

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were drawn a certain way, you asserted that a lot of the answers may be in this Resolution. Which I think is really disappointing because they don't get to have input on this. They don't get to look at your reasoning and ask why. They get a, kind of, take it or leave it approach. So, I did a quick Control+F on here, since there's so many pages, and I found 6 times where the Majority said that a district was drawn for partisan advantage. Would you say that this map is drawn for partisan advantage?"

Hernandez, L.: "It is one of the factors included."

Bourne: "Is that a yes then? Is that a main factor?"

Hernandez, L.: "It was considered."

Bourne: "I also see there are several times... oh, here's one. Here's a factor you considered, was respect for county lines. Could you tell me how many counties in this map are divided?"

Hernandez, L.: "I wouldn't be able to tell you the number. But in some areas, it is a factor to consider."

Bourne: "I would say, in the counties that I'm familiar with, it's very difficult to believe it was a factor to be considered..."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Bourne..."

Bourne: "...that you would leave a county whole."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Luft will give you his three minutes."

Bourne: "Thank you, Ma'am."

Speaker Manley: "Please continue."

Bourne: "By my count, we've got 60 counties that are split, 60. And those are super rural counties, in some instances, that

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are wholly contained in the new map... or in the map we're operating under but are split up into 3 or 4 different districts under this plan. So, it's difficult for me to think that you wanted to keep counties whole. It's also troubling to me that, as the Sponsor of the Bill, you don't know how many counties are split up."

Hernandez, L.: "Well, I do know that the southern, eastern parts of this state have lost a lot of population."

Bourne: "If the counties are getting smaller, it should be easier to keep them whole. I'm looking at page 5, where it says that under Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, the General Assembly has the ability to amend the redistricting plan. Is it your interpretation that the Legislature has the authority to pass a redistricting plan after June 30? This is a..."

Hernandez, L.: "Yes, we do."

Bourne: "I don't have that much time. So..."

Hernandez, L.: "Yes, we do."

Bourne: "Yes. Could you cite that section of law? I'm not an attorney, but it just seems very clear to me in the Constitution."

Hernandez, L.: "Yeah, I'm... I'm not an attorney either, but I... my understanding, it is."

Bourne: "That's very difficult for me to believe. All right. I'm moving on to... I see a few places, page 7, page 15, further on when we're looking at page 82, page 83, where you say that this map was factoring into... took into factor, when you were drawing it, incumbent requests. Would it be more accurate to

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say democratic incumbent requests? Or did you, specifically, get any requests from our side of the aisle?"

Hernandez, L.: "I don't think we were offered any."

Bourne: "You're right, 'cause we don't think politicians should draw maps, or that we should draw maps to favor incumbency. We should draw maps to favor communities of interests. But you would say incumbent suggestions from your side took precedence when you were drawing your maps?"

Hernandez, L.: "It was a factor considered."

Bourne: "Because I'm seeing that more times than I'm seeing community input in this Resolution. I have seen multiple times where community input that was given.. it says in the Resolution, 'It could not be accommodated.' So, where I'm seeing that there were suggestions from the public, there's always a reason it couldn't be accommodated. Yet, I'm seeing multiple times where requests of incumbents, or prioritizing not nesting democratic incumbents, is cited more often than witness testimony."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Bourne, looks like Representative Reick will give you his three minutes."

Bourne: "Thank you. Do you know, as the Sponsor of this Resolution, are incumbent suggestions and prioritizing not nesting democratic incumbents mentioned more than community input that was taken into consideration?"

Hernandez, L.: "All input was taken into consideration."

Bourne: "That's not my question. My question is about this Resolution, specifically, which you say describes your decision making process in drafting this map."

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Hernandez, L.: "Once again, I... all feedback was taken into consideration."

Bourne: "Yes, but what seems to be the priority in this Resolution is incumbency protection and incumbency suggestions over the overwhelming input that we got from community groups to slow this down, give them time to analyze it, give them the reasons in this Resolution before we have to vote on it. Give them more than 30 minutes to read why you did this. I'd like to go to page 51, if you have the Resolution in front of you. On page 51, it's talking about Representative District 17, which we had a pretty good conversation about in committee this morning where Miss Pat and others have said, 'Despite their continued advocacy for a district of influence, their community of interest was subdivided,' the Jewish community of interest was subdivided. In this Resolution, it says that the proposed district consolidates areas in order to ensure that the Orthodox Jewish community was more consolidated. Are you asserting that this map is better for the Orthodox Jewish community than the map that they proposed? Do you think they're happy with this map?"

Hernandez, L.: "They were considered. It was a factor considered."

Bourne: "I know they were... it was considered, but was it accommodated?"

Hernandez, L.: "I have said this before. I mean, we... we take the feedback and we look, we comb through, and try to do the best that we can. We're not going to get it..."

Bourne: "I understand that you take the feedback. But you are asserting in this Resolution, which justifies your map, that

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you were doing right by them, when they said in this hearing that we had to today, and in multiple hearings before, that you are doing the exact opposite with this map. You are distorting their testimony and distorting the map that you have proposed in order to make it look like you're doing right by their community of interest, when that flies in the face of the testimony that we've heard. To the Resolution, Madam Chair. This is a travesty of a process. I would like all of you to go and read..."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Bourne."

Bourne: "Yes, Ma'am."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Murphy will give you his three minutes."

Bourne: "Thank you. I would encourage everyone in this chamber to go and read the actual Bill of the map because it's got way less words than numbers. What matters is this. This is what tells us the reasoning. This is what tells us what their true priorities are. And this is what the advocates and the community groups who have testified want to see. They want to see why they did this. They gave us 20 or 30 minutes to look over it before a vote. You don't even get a hearing. They like to talk about the 50-something hearings. No hearings on this. How's that for transparency? They've been holding this up. They've had a Resolution number for over a day, at least. We could've seen it then. But instead, they wait 20 or 30... 'til 20 or 30 minutes before the vote, let you comb through it, have to use Control+F to even find what you're looking for. This is not a transparent process. There... I cannot

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imagine what the community groups are thinking right now looking at this. All of the time they put into this process, all of the hours of work, talking to their community about who their community of interest is, advocating before us, contacting us individually, all to culminate with this. You might as well say, we drew this for our own power. Hope you like it. You might get to read it after you vote on it. This is the opposite of transparent. It was a sham to ask the public to be in those hearings if you're not even going to take into consideration their suggestions, or to take their suggestions and twist them to make it look like you're accommodating them when they're not. We saw that with the last Resolution, too. I hope you all will read this. Read what these maps are. This isn't for fair representation of Illinoisans. If you were proud of it, you wouldn't put it in there at the last minute. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Mazzochi for three minutes."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Madam Chairman. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Mazzochi: "I'm looking at the description that's provided in HR 443, relating to RD 45, which it states, '...retains a majority of current RD 47.' I'm geographically familiar with this area. Can you confirm that the Resolution states, 'This district was drawn for political purposes to assist with increasing the political advantage for neighboring districts.' Page 70, lines 1 to 3."

Hernandez, L.: "It's one of the factors considered."

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Mazzochi: "All right. It also... now, to the Bill. There are several..."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Mazzochi: "...there are several factual errors with regard to current district... the new district that's listed, RD 45, new Representative District 46, as well as the configuration of Representative District 7, which I believe is going to be Speaker Welch's new district. One of the things that was stated regarding the new RD 45 is that it says, 'This district was drawn to protect communities of similar economic interest as well as to keep several school districts together.' That is false. That is... the way in which these districts are being proposed to be drawn, it's actually dividing several school districts, and it is actually dividing communities of similar economic interest. When it comes to District 46, it says that this is trying to deal with small geographical shifts to account for population loss and says, 'The district contains all or portions of Carol Stream, Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights, Addison, Glen Ellyn and Villa Park.' However, what it fails to note is that it is also taking a whole host of other different towns, including Elmhurst, and is continuing to split the town of Elmhurst, which is my hometown, up. When it comes to Representative District 7, it states that the current district is entirely within the Cook County suburbs. But to accommodate the population shifts in neighboring districts, which of course are not substantiated by the Resolution, which is saying that the neighboring populations are fairly small, it says, 'The proposed

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district retains the core of the current district and adds a new population from DuPage County.' Once again, splitting up Elmhurst to add a socially conservative Catholic area of Elmhurst, a section of Oak Brook, and other areas. Now, the justification that's given is that these communities have much in common, namely that nearly every community consist primarily of owner-occupied single family homes. If you actually were to look at the nature of the homes and the home stock, they are not the same. They are very different. And in fact, in Elmhurst and in Oak Brook you're looking at half million dollar homes. Oak Brook, \$750 thousand and up homes that are in closed gated communities, subject to homeowners' associations. Whereas, Maywood, Forest Park, Bellwood, Hillside, Berkeley, Northlake, are a whole host of very densely packed single family homes with an average home price in the \$250 thousand range."

Speaker Manley: "Representative, can you bring your remarks to a close?"

Mazzochi: "So... I will... I will certainly bring my remarks to a close."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you."

Mazzochi: "So, certainly, I just want to let you know that there are... there continue to be a whole host of factual errors in here. You are saying that you're maintaining strong business districts, when you're dividing them. Maintaining communities of interest, when you're dividing them. And you are also deliberately diluting the Hispanic population in the northern part of District 46, District... new District 45, as well as

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District 7, and in the Northlake area and other neighboring districts. So, you are making it harder to have minority representation in this chamber. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Members, I'm going to remind you about House Rule 51.5. Do you want me to read it? Thank you. I'll wait. Chair recognizes Leader Spain for three minutes."

Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And just as a clarification, am I able to remove my mask?"

Speaker Manley: "You may remove your mask. When speaking on the microphone, you're more than welcome to remove your mask, if you choose to."

Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Spain: "Thank you. Leader Hernandez, can you help me understand the purpose of this Resolution as a companion to the Redistricting Bill itself?"

Hernandez, L.: "The purpose of the Resolution is just to lay out information about the Bill."

Spain: "And we asked this morning, in the committee hearing, if we would have an opportunity to bring this Resolution back to committee so that we could have adequate time to read the Resolution and understand the contents of it. You declined to do so. So, as other speakers have said, we're now here reading this on the fly, 120-something pages, in advance of the 1200 pages of redistricting text that will be coming soon. How do we know the information included in this Resolution is accurate and correct?"

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Hernandez, L.: "I would say that I believe it is accurate to what we post... in terms of the map that was posted today."

Spain: "Thank you. You know, we have seen, so far, that information presented has not been accurate and correct. And, in fact, Leader Hernandez, I can tell you, in just reading a few pages of this Resolution, that I have already found sections that are not accurate and correct, including the listing of counties and communities that are inadequately and incorrectly allocated to Legislative Districts corresponding to a map that was just presented this morning or this evening. I'm not sure which version is the current version that we should be considering. So, I can tell you there are already items that are incorrect. Will you pull this Bill from the record, pull this Resolution from the record, so that we can correct the inconsistencies that, in just a few pages of text, I've been able to find in the last few minutes?"

Hernandez, L.: "Representative Spain, you have the right to your opinion. I would... just going to have to say no. I will not pull it."

Spain: "I... I have the right to an opinion, but I'm not a fool, Leader Hernandez. And I can look at a map that you have presented, and I can see the counties allocated to districts are not correct within this Resolution. Now, I don't have the master's degree in geography that one of our witnesses asked for a few days ago, but I can tell you where counties are in the State of Illinois and I can tell you..."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Spain, pardon me. Representative Swanson will give you his three minutes. Please continue."

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Spain: "Thank you, Representative Swanson. I can tell you that there are items in this Resolution that are incorrect. Again, respectfully, can we pull this from the record? I will work with you to correct these errors so at least we can have an adequate reflection of geography that corresponds to the map that you have presented or will present. Will you take this out of the record?"

Hernandez, L.: "There's been a lot of work put in, lot of hours into putting this together. I will... I just simply will say no. I will not put the Resolution."

Spain: "Okay. I have a specific question. Again, I would have many more if I was afforded the time to read this Resolution in its entirety. But of a district that I am familiar with, proposed District 73, there is a particular sentence that I would like to understand, very specifically. On page 108 of this Resolution, where it says that, 'Representative District 73 was reconfigured to avoid pairing incumbents after concerns raised by House Republicans.' Can you explain that sentence to me, please?"

Hernandez, L.: "So, it was... it was a concern that was raised on your side of the aisle after the May... after the May Bill passed. And so, it was addressed."

Spain: "Ma'am, Representative District 73, both the current version and the... every version proposed and adopted and considered by Democrats, has never included two incumbent Republican Members of the Illinois House of Representatives. What do you mean by that sentence in your Resolution?"

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Hernandez, L.: "Based on your concerns, we addressed it. That's what the..."

Spain: "What were the concerns?"

Hernandez, L.: "Okay, so the neighboring districts called for those lines to be changed."

Spain: "That is false. There has never been any request by myself or any Members of my caucus to make adjustments to neighboring districts. In fact, quite to the contrary, Members have been considering other options, anything but making requests to the type of adjustments that you have indicated here on page 108. It's simply absolutely incorrect and false."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Spain. I'm waiting for someone to put their hand up. Representative Batinick will give you his three minutes."

Spain: "Thank you, Representative Batinick. Madam Chair, to the Bill. To the Resolution."

Speaker Manley: "To the Resolution."

Spain: "This Resolution is very important. This Resolution is the map that explains what the Majority Party intends to do in the legislative redistricting process. It's important that it is accurate, both in the geographies that are presented and identified within this Resolution and also in the context of allegations that have been made trying to justify certain actions of the Majority Party. These allegations contained repeatedly, these little sentences about decisions made for incumbency advantage, they're false. They are absolutely incorrect. This entire Resolution is filled with information that is incorrect. But guess what? It's the same thing as the

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Resolution that we passed in May. We had districts that were stated in HR359. Here's a district that gained 1 thousand people in population over the last 10 years. Guess what? It lost 16 thousand people. This work, before and today, is terrible. It is an embarrassment to this chamber. It is inaccurate. It is inadequate. And I think it is absolutely the capstone of disgrace on this entire process. Vote 'no' on HR443. Vote 'no', and then you'll get to read it later."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Hernandez to close."

Hernandez, L.: "I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Hernandez moves for the adoption of House Resolution 443. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Lewis."

Lewis: "No."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Lewis votes 'no'. Representative McLaughlin."

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'no'. Represent..."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting 'aye', 43 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. On Supplemental Calendar 1, Senate Bill 927, Leader Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 927, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous

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day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Lisa Hernandez."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Hernandez on the Amendment."

Hernandez, L.: "Madam Chair... Madam Speaker, can we do away with Amendment #1? It's #2 we're looking for... to move."

Speaker Manley: "Mr. Clerk, please withdraw Floor Amendment 1. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Lisa Hernandez and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Hernandez on Floor Amendment 2."

Hernandez, L.: "Okay, I'd like... I'd like to adopt Floor Amendment #2, and we'll debate it on Third Reading."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Butler, can we debate this on Third? I'd like to adopt the Amendment and move it to Third and have our debate on Third."

Butler: "I'd actually like to find out what's in the Amendment before we adopt it. So, a few questions of the Sponsor."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Hernandez, can you explain the Amendment, please?"

Butler: "So, can I... well, just... just real quick. So... so, which version is this? I know we've gone through a few versions..."

Speaker Manley: "Can she explain the Amendment?"

Butler: "Sure. That'd be great."

Speaker Manley: "Okay. Leader Hernandez to explain the Amendment."

Hernandez, L.: "So... so, the Amendment #2 becomes the map."

Butler: "Didn't quite..."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Butler."

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Butler: "Didn't quite hear you."

Hernandez, L.: "So, the Amendment #2 becomes the map with slight tweaks to it."

Butler: "Okay. So, today we've seen, I think... when I look at the Google Map on the Web site that you refer the public to all the time, there was a... I think in a 08-31, 2021 V2 map. Now, I notice there's an SB927 map. Which map are we going with here?"

Hernandez, L.: "It would be... it would be SB927."

Butler: "So, SB927 is House Floor Amendment 2."

Hernandez, L.: "Correct."

Butler: "What has changed between House Floor Amendment 2 and House Amendment 1 that we debated in committee earlier today?"

Hernandez, L.: "Okay. There's... there's a few things. We removed all the... we removed an extended road on the south side. We smoothed out a drafting error in Maine Township, corrected drafting errors that place some of... some blocks in incorrect districts. We unpaired Representative Reick's and Representative Sosnowski's district. And we smoothed several districts to give clear lines between several districts and maximize compactness."

Butler: "So, we're making significant changes to the Amendment that the committee adopted earlier today on the floor of the House of Representatives, with a notice of an hour and 17 minutes, by my calculation, from when this Amendment was filed? I want to go back to one thing that you said about the unlinking."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Butler."

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Butler: "Yes."

Speaker Manley: "Can we adopt the Amendment and debate on Third?
I intend..."

Butler: "Okay. I just... just..."

Speaker Manley: "...to give you plenty of consideration."

Butler: "...just one point. This is the actual map that you are going to pass, that you literally introduced an hour and seventeen minutes ago, that there's been no, zero, no public hearings on? None. Zero. All these advocacy groups that asked for time, they get no input on the actual map. And you just admitted you're making substantial changes to what was approved earlier today."

Hernandez, L.: "They're not... they're not substantial. They're small."

Butler: "Madam Chair, I would ask for a roll call vote on this adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Hernandez moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 927. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Pardon me. All those in favor will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Lewis."

Lewis: "No."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Lewis votes 'no'. Representative McLaughlin."

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin... Representative McLaughlin votes 'no'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'no'."

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Speaker Manley: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting in 'favor', 43 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And the Floor Amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 927, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you... thank you, Madam Speaker. SB927 represents adjustments to the legislative redistricting plan passed in May, to incorporate the recently released 2020 Census data. As I noted earlier, the 2020 Census data was unavailable in the spring. However, the General Assembly remained obligated to pass a redistricting plan by June 30. Therefore, the General Assembly passed a plan using the best data available to us. And that plan was signed into law and became effective on June 4. We are back to fulfill our promise to review the data and make adjustments as needed. The districts in the adjusted map was drawn to be substantially equally in population, with a total population deviation of 0.48 percent. Additionally, the districts have been adjusted consistent with the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions, as well as the Federal and Illinois Voting Rights Act, to reflect the diversity and values of our great state. If what I say today sounds similar to what I said in May, it should. The core principles that our map embodies have not changed. While the

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other side of the state... while the other side of the aisle have been making excuse after excuse to try and delay the Body's constitutional obligation to draw maps, the House and Senate Democrats worked tirelessly to bring stakeholders and communities from across the state together for their input. Fifty hearings in the spring. Nine hearings this August. Multiple ways to testify and submit recommendations. A public mapping portal to submit maps. Did everyone get everything they wanted? No. But everyone was heard. Redistricting is a complex exercise with many competing interests and priorities, and we did our best to balance all the factors that go into this process. We believe the adjusted map provides a reflection of our great state and will continue to be a model for the nation. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Batinick for three minutes."

Batinick: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Before you start that clock there, we're going to require a verification, if that's okay. And I'm just going to go directly to the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Batinick: "You know, my grandma Irene used to tell me, just because you can do something, doesn't mean you should. You know, you can drop a thousand page Bill or a... three thousand page Bill with an hour's notice, with nobody given the chance to read it, with all kinds of errors, and pass it because you're a Majority Party, doesn't mean you should. You can spend dollars that you don't have mortgaging the next generation's future, doesn't mean you should. You can keep

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our Bills stuck in Rules, not move them along, not work in a more bipartisan manner. You have the ability to do that. You have the Super Majority, doesn't mean you should. And this one is... I mean, it is just shocking to me. I wonder if anybody, when they were sitting and talking to the constituents, if they actually said that one of their platforms were they were going to support legislation to... this is a quote from the Resolution, '...to maximize political power and increase the partisan advantage for the incumbent.' Do you think the people of Illinois sent you to Springfield to maximize the political power and increase the partisan advantage for the incumbent? You can do that, doesn't mean you should do that. Well, we'll see if you can do that. They say absolute power corrupts absolutely. The Majority Party has controlled the map making process after 2000 and after 2010. How many people have been indicted and gone to jail? And what's been the trajectory of the state the last 20 years, under absolute power that's been wielded, mostly from this chamber, for the last 20 years? Do we think the State of Illinois is better off? A vote 'yes' on this map is a vote for a continuation of the corruption, a continuation of the one-sided legislating of the budget, more population loss. I cringe. We had the census numbers and it was like there was supposed to be a party that we only lost tens of thousands of people instead of hundreds of thousands of people. You'd think there was going to be a jubilee. Populations are supposed to grow from the natural birth-death rate. It's a tragedy. The net out-migration is huge. Everybody talks to neighbors in this Body and hears about their kids

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leaving for better opportunities at other universities, and then they stay in those states. And neighbors moving out of state. I've got one in Arizona, another one that just went to school in Arizona, and another one that's going to be looking at Georgia or North Carolina. You haven't found a way to push my seventh and eighth grader out of the state yet. But that's what a 'yes' vote is on this. You know what a 'no' vote is? A 'no' vote on this and said, you know what, I've had enough. I am no longer going to let the special interests control that. I am not concerned about maximizing political power. I am concerned about what is doing the best for the State of Illinois. Can you imagine the pats on the backs you will have if you have the guts, as a Democrat, to vote 'no' on this absolutely ridiculous partisan piece of legislation? You will be a hero to the people back in your districts. The choice between 'yes' or 'no' is clear. I shouldn't have to advise anybody on how to vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Guzzardi for three minutes."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. I know other of my colleagues are going to speak to other features of this process, but I want to talk to the matter of public engagement because it's come up a fair bit this evening. I want to start just by saying what my idea of how I approach engaging with my constituents is when it comes to the legislative process. I think it's important not to turn a deaf ear to our constituents, to listen to them, to hear them. But of course, I also don't let the 4 grumpy people who show up to my town

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halls write my Bills for me or vote for me, right? My view of public engagement, for myself, involves proactively soliciting the thoughts and feedback of my constituents, taking those thoughts and feedback into advisement, and then making an informed decision that I believe is right. That's how I approach this work, and I think that's how most of us do. And despite what we may hear tonight, what we've heard already, the legislation before us, there's no requirement that this Bill have extensive town hall meetings written in the Constitution. This Bill has been vetted more than any other piece of legislation that we debate in this Body. We'll walk through it. We'll walk through it. We spent... you all had 50 public hearings across the state in everyone's community, over 5 months. We created a Web site for people to engage in this process. They could even draw their own maps and submit them to us for our consideration. The hearings were made available. Anyone could sign up for them. There was written testimony. The Web site that we posted has transcripts of every single meeting. So, even for the folks who couldn't attend them, they could read them. We also made sure, in the midst of a global pandemic, that there were both in-person and virtual options for people to testify. I think it's worth taking a moment to give credit where credit is due to the staff of the Redistricting Committee and to the Members of that committee who did yeoman's work in soliciting public feedback for this process. Let's give it up for this staff. And now, here we are with a trailer, right, making some cleanup changes as a result of the census numbers. Again, no

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requirement that we solicit this feedback, but yet... I want to tell you this. Democratic staff called every single person who testified at our previous hearings to give them the chance to testify again on this new process. Every single person, our staff did that. They have done... they have gone absolutely above and beyond any requirement for soliciting this public feedback. And, yes, I know that some of my friends on the other side of the aisle had some... some piffy comments on social media about the low attendance at these hearings. I've had some town hall meetings with some pretty low attendance in my district, too. But I guess I would ask, did you guys make an effort to publicize this beforehand? Did you try to bring the public in? Did you invite them to these hearings? Or did you just make snarky comments..."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "...about low turnout? I'll bring my remarks to a close very briefly, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you."

Guzzardi: "I say all this not to be critical but just to underscore the fact that, despite what you may hear this evening, there has been extensive, robust engagement on the concepts that underpin this legislation. For months, and months, and months, we have heard from our community. We took their ideas into our minds..."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "...thought about them, and brought before you this Bill. It's a good piece of legislation, and I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Mazzochi for three minutes."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Mazzochi: "Anyone familiar with this chamber knows that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Now, in a sane world, your caucus' decision to choose a House Sponsor for this critical legislation who can't say anything of substance about the Bill, such as why a given boundary line was drawn in a particular position, would be embarrassing. In a sane world, the fact that the House Sponsor can't say anything publicly about what actually went on for the process of drawing this map, such as what metric is being used to say a district is compact and contiguous, would be a little bit shameful. Representative Guzzardi, it's very nice that you just gave a round of applause to the staff who drew the map, but the fact of the matter is, we don't even know who they are. We've asked and your own House Sponsor can't tell us who's actually making decisions about how to draw the map. When your own House Sponsor can't say anything about the map without being coached in her ear by a legal counsel, that's not proof of a sane, transparent, open process. That is proof and evidence of gross incompetence. In the Springfield clown world, I get it, that for you guys it's a deliberate tactic. It lets you and your Leadership toss around nice social media soundbites to the public. But in private, you've rewarded the political insiders, the incumbents. Leader Hernandez, you said, oh, did anybody get what they wanted out of this map."

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Woah, no one did. That is false. You guys did. Your incumbent protection plan did. Your political insiders did. You are laughing today at anyone who wants to see good, honest government in Illinois. You voted out of committee today a Bill that depended on a then nonexistent Resolution. People of Illinois, the Democratic Legislators in this chamber love to tell you about their commitment to transparency, to sunshine, to fairness. Representative Hirschauer, Ness, Vella, Croke, Gabel, Gong-Gershowitz, Yingling, Hurley, LaPointe, Mason, Mussman, Stava-Murray, Didech, Stoneback, Yang Rohr, Costa Howard, and even Speaker Welch. All of you campaigned and promised you would stand up for fair maps. You promised you would have independent people drawing the maps. You flat out lied to your constituents in May when you voted for the last map because you didn't keep your promise."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Mazzochi."

Mazzochi: "And now that your Leadership acknowledged, in court, Representative Guzzardi..."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Mazzochi, Representative Welter will give you his three minutes. Please continue."

Mazzochi: "Your Leadership acknowledged, in court, that the original map from May was indefensible because it facially violated one-person, one-vote standards. And now, you're going to lie for yet another erroneous false map. And you're going to lie to your district again. You just had a panel of federal court judges specifically instruct your side of the aisle to make this map making process a real, bipartisan, substantive give and take process. Did you? Well, I'll confirm

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for the judicial panel. No, you did not. You released another map just before 10 a.m. this morning to gain compliance with one-person, one-vote. You passed it, again, apparently aware that you were going to be issuing yet another map. So, the vote that came out of committee this morning, that map isn't this map that we're now voting on. In committee this morning, it was map #1. Now, here we are in map #2 that was released just a few minutes ago. No notice. No public input. No notice to the other side. No input from us or the many citizens' organizations who have begged you for time and input. You ignored them. That is not in good faith. Be honest that you're going to be doing this to protect your own political power, your personal perks, and your privilege. Now, I get it. It's fun to live in an accountability-free zone when you're the ones who don't have to worry about being accountable. It's real easy for you, too, when you've gerrymandered not just the legislative seats, but also gerrymandered the Supreme Court Districts so that you can gain a partisan advantage, even though they are supposed to deliver justice blind. How's the State of Illinois fared by the Democratic Party, keep treating this like it's their own personal property and playground? Check out the current federal criminal docket. Democrats and gerrymandered and protected districts elected within the last two to four years, who have charged with various abuse of their office includes Luis Arroyo, Annazette Collins, Tom Cullerton, Terry Link, Eddie Acevedo, the deceased Senator Sandoval, in addition to former Madigan Chief of Staff Tim Mapes. And there's more to come. You'll

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never learn, but I hope the people of Illinois wake up. Your party created these corruption catastrophes. This latest map is going to entrench them. This is why you have every good government group, and even people on your own side of the aisle, opposing the map. They don't understand why..."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Mazzochi."

Mazzochi: "...their left... I'll... I'll wrap it up. They don't understand..."

Speaker Manley: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Mazzochi: "...understand why they're out in the cold. Your party is not about people. It is all about power and creating a safe space for the permanent political class. Maybe that's acceptable to you, it is not acceptable to me. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Hoffman for three minutes."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. So, I get it, the previous speaker. It's okay, you get up, be against the Bill, speak against the Bill. But to personally attack the Sponsor is unwarranted, uncalled for, and to be honest with you, it makes me sick to my stomach. The Sponsor is one of the most honorable Members of this General Assembly. She has been exceedingly fair throughout the entire process, and I think she's one of the nicest human beings I've ever met. Now... now, you can say we choose to ignore the input of the... of people who gave testimony before our committee, we did not. But I choose to ignore you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Demmer for three minutes. Before you begin, I just want to remind those that are not

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speaking on the microphone that your mask is required. Please proceed."

Demmer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Demmer: "You know, thanks to the 2020 Census and the official data that's been reported, we know that in the State of Illinois there are twelve million, eight hundred and twelve thousand, five hundred and eight people. But what tonight's vote is making clear is that there are two groups. There's a group of seventy-three, and there's a group of twelve million, eight hundred and twelve thousand, four hundred and thirty-five. Seventy-three people were able to go behind a closed door in a map room and review and edit their districts, and make choices about what neighborhoods to include and what neighborhoods to exclude, and figure out how they could draw the line so a certain potential opponent wouldn't run against them. Or to draw it with an advantage to make a challenge for someone who is a political adversary of theirs. Seventy-three people went behind that closed map room door and twelve million, eight hundred and twelve thousand, four hundred and thirty-five other Illinoisans were literally shut out. Seventy-three people availed themselves of the very thing that the rest of the State of Illinois was requesting. And that is input. The ability to ask questions, to know how, when, where, and why these maps were being drawn. You seventy-three cared about that and you saw to it that your own right was defended to have that information and to have that input. While twelve million, eight hundred and twelve thousand, four

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hundred and thirty-five people did not get to see maps before they were released to the public, did not get to make special request for inclusion or exclusion, did not get to make decisions to benefit themselves personally. You seventy-three have endorsed and voted for a Resolution tonight to increase the partisan advantage for incumbents, '...to increase the partisan advantage of districts.' In a quote, in not one district, not two districts, but five districts, 'This district was district was drawn for political purposes.' Seventy-three people in the State of Illinois think that's a good idea. Seventy-three people in the State of Illinois think that the House of Representatives exist for political purposes, while twelve millions, eight hundred and twelve thousand, four hundred and thirty-five other Illinoisans demand better. You picked these districts to benefit yourselves and your own political prospects. That should never be the reason for public policy. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Ramirez for three minutes."

Ramirez: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Ramirez: "We hear an awful lot about population loss in this state. But I want to make it perfectly clear, today, that when we saw the census data, it's not the constituents of Democrats who are leaving in droves. The people who are leaving are the people who are represented by Republicans. And what we don't hear about from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, is how diverse our state is becoming.

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Perhaps, it's because if you look on this side, and you look on this side, diversity looks very different. And what we don't hear from my colleagues is how important representation is, specifically, what we saw in our Latino population. And that's what I want to stand up today to discuss. While we did see significant increase in population, we also know that the growth wasn't particularly concentrated. But from our map in 2011, we gained the majority district for the Latino population. In addition, there are roughly a dozen districts in this map that now allow the Latino population to have a significant say in electing a candidate of their choice. This map also accounts for the growing Latino population, ensuring they'll continue to have an impact on elections in the future. There are several examples of this throughout the map that truly reflect the growing diversity, diversity, of the State of Illinois. Latinos, as we have seen, are an incredibly important part of this state, and this map reflects that. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Spain for three minutes."

Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Spain: "Thank you. And, Leader Hernandez, let me start off by saying something because we've had an opportunity to get to know each other a little bit throughout this process. And I want to thank you for the poise, and kindness, and patience that you exhibited through this process. I'm sure you didn't volunteer to do this. I don't know who in their right mind would. But I think... I think you have conducted yourself with

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kindness. I, infinitely, disagree with where we're going here, and we're going to talk about that, but thank you for the way that you have conducted yourself personally. I have a few questions. Can you please talk about, in the development of this revised map, your order of priorities in the drawing of Legislative Districts?"

Hernandez, L.: "So, I think the bottom line was to try to put a map together that... with appropriate data and feedback, especially engaging the public in the process. I think that's ultimately the priority or the main way we were trying to do things."

Spain: "That's a... that's a, sort of, a fine talking point, but what were the priorities? And our Constitution indicates certain priorities for how districts are drawn to be substantially equal in population, compact, and contiguous. There are others factors at well... at play as well. What... what were your priorities, and what are the order of those priorities that have been used to construct this map?"

Hernandez, L.: "Well, I would say is strongly abide by the parameters of the legalities, the requirements to make up the maps. And in that... in doing so, also, once again, add the input from the public to try to work in the concerns but under those legal parameters, obviously."

Spain: "Sure, but we've seen that past maps that have been presented have not lived up to the legal requirements. So, just being a legal requirement, I hope, is an important test. I haven't seen that demonstrated in the past. But what are

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the other priorities that were used to determine the construction of districts?"

Speaker Manley: "Leader Spain, Representative Reick gives you his three minutes. Please continue."

Spain: "Thank you."

Hernandez, L.: "I think that we have been working within those legalities but not without if... and as we were moving along with the process, that if any necessary adjustments that needed to be made, that we complied with that as well."

Spain: "Okay. Let me try this a different way. These maps are woefully lacking in compactness, which is a feature that is explicitly called for in our State Constitution. Why are these districts lacking in compactness?"

Hernandez, L.: "I don't believe they are."

Spain: "Under what... what informs your belief?"

Hernandez, L.: "It was very... worked very hard. I had stated before that the deviation throughout the state is now less than half a percent. So, with that, working that in, it, obviously, it was very much noted that we had to stay along the lines of compactness and that the districts be contiguous."

Spain: "Leader Hernandez, you just mentioned something that it's... it's not what I'm asking. You're talking about population equivalency and having substantial, equal population. That's the deviation you've just member... just mentioned. The map is not compact. Why are the districts so lacking in compactness for this map?"

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Hernandez, L.: "Representative, I'm just going to have to disagree with you because I don't... I don't feel that it lacks compactness."

Spain: "Did you perform a compactness analysis to quantify your opinion?"

Hernandez, L.: "I can tell you it was reviewed, it was looked at, and it was very much a part of the process of putting the maps together. So, very much included."

Spain: "But, as the Sponsor of this legislation, you need to be able to demonstrate that this legislation is in compliance with our State Constitution. I'm asking you to explain to me how you have measured this map to be compact, as you state that it is. It's not something that we get to just eyeball and guess it on the fly."

Hernandez, L.: "So, Representative, there's... there's been experts working on this. There's like over a hundred ways of how they went about it. I can't physically, like, go through all that be... all that list, but I rely on that."

Spain: "Is this map similar in compactness to the 2011 map? Is it more compact, less compact?"

Speaker Manley: "Leader Spain, Representative Caulkins will give you his three minutes."

Spain: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Please continue."

Hernandez, L.: "I think we..."

Spain: "How does this map compare in compactness to 2011?"

Hernandez, L.: "I think it complies."

Spain: "It... what does that mean, it complies?"

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Hernandez, L.: "It's the same compactness as 2011. We're following that guideline."

Spain: "Leader Hernandez, according to my analysis, the map filed today is actually less compact than the 2011 map, which you held up as a virtue this morning, which was abysmally compact. On the very bottom range of the score. We assign maps a compactness score of 0 to 1, 1 being good. Your map clocks in at .26. Were you aware of that compactness calculation?"

Hernandez, L.: "I... my understanding is that's one score. There's multiple other."

Spain: "What are some of the other scores that you've calculated?"

Hernandez, L.: "I... I will have to get back you. I don't have that in front of me."

Spain: "Does staff have that? This is critical information. There are many ways. We could look at the Schwartzberg analysis, the Reock's score. What... what is the Democrats measurement that would adequately address the concerns that these districts... that this map is not compact?"

Hernandez, L.: "I don't have that with me."

Spain: "I believe you said you do not have that?"

Hernandez, L.: "Yes. I don't. Correct."

Spain: "Okay. Let me move on. I'd like to talk about... I asked this question this morning. Demographic information that accompanies these districts, as presented, when will we see that information?"

Hernandez, L.: "I believe it's already out there."

Spain: "What's out there is for the map that was introduced yesterday. That was, I'll call, new map one. This morning, we

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had new map two. And maybe an hour or so ago, we had House Floor Amendment 2, thus creating new map three. Where is the demographic information that corresponds to the map under which we'll be voting tonight?"

Hernandez, L.: "It's in the Resolution."

Spain: "Where in the Resolution, please? I have it right here."

Hernandez, L.: "It's in the... it's in the Resolution. Each district has it."

Spain: "And that is reflective of map three? Is that correct?"

Hernandez, L.: "This Bill."

Spain: "Not map one from yesterday?"

Speaker Manley: "Leader Spain, Representative Haas will give you her three minutes. Please continue."

Spain: "The Resolution contains the... let me clarify this. The Web site does not contain the correct information for this map, but the Resolution, as far as you know, does. Is that correct?"

Hernandez, L.: "Yes."

Spain: "Okay. I want to talk about the creation of particular districts so that we can understand decisions that were made. What is the percentage of population necessary for you in creating this map, as the Sponsor, for an effective majority African American district?"

Hernandez, L.: "There's... my understanding is there's multiple ways to determine that. I mean, I will put out there, there's a 50 percent that we could look at, but that's just one of other ways."

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Spain: "So, when you drew the map, was there a target population that you were trying to reach for drawing an effective African American majority district? Is it 50 percent, the number?"

Hernandez, L.: "No, each district is different."

Spain: "Did you try to allocate population in an effort to achieve the greatest number of African American districts as possible?"

Hernandez, L.: "My understanding, that is one of the factors."

Spain: "How about... and this has been subject of many testimony... much testimony from many advocates, our metrics for Latino districts. What is the effective composition of a Latino district necessary to create a majority Latino district, to elect a Latino candidate?"

Hernandez, L.: "So, it would depend on the district. So, the same... it could be 50 percent. It could be 55 to 60... there's different measures."

Spain: "Well, it can be different, but it matters, very specifically, for compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act. For Latino districts, what was the metric that you used, or staff used, to determine whether a district is an effective majority district for Latinos?"

Speaker Manley: "Leader Spain, I'll give you another three minutes. We've... I've given you your time, plus three others. Will you be able to finish your questioning in that time?"

Spain: "Madam Chair... Madam Speaker, is there a limit on the number of..."

Speaker Manley: "There isn't, but I'm trying to be fair and get to the other people whose lights are on as well. So, I'm going

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to give you three more minutes. Representative Keicher has given you his three minutes. Please continue."

Spain: "Thank you. And I'm trying to be fair as well, Madam Speaker. Leader Hernandez, what is the metric that you used for determining an effective Latino majority districts?"

Hernandez, L.: "Again, it would depend on the district."

Spain: "For each district, did you conduct any type of racial block voting analysis to determine whether a certain racial or ethnic community would vote in a cohesive manner?"

Hernandez, L.: "No."

Spain: "One of the plaintiffs in the federal complaint that is now under consideration is in an organization called MALDEF. Have you shared this map with MALDEF to solicit their input and feedback and recommendations?"

Hernandez, L.: "The map is shared with the public. So, if they chose to look at the map, it's up to them."

Spain: "Okay. Prior to the map being released to the public, did you confer with MALDEF?"

Hernandez, L.: "My understanding is that they've been given maps throughout the process."

Spain: "Did you or your staff offer any specific outreach to MALDEF, beyond information that was otherwise publicly available, to confer with that organization prior to your release of maps yesterday?"

Hernandez, L.: "No."

Spain: "No. Thank you."

Hernandez, L.: "Can you ask that question again?"

Spain: "Madam Speaker, to the Bill."

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Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Spain: "We've heard a lot throughout this process, and I think it's important that we reflect on the comments just made and the questions just answered. We have heard comments from Members of this chamber extolling the work of staff. And I imagine that staff certainly does work hard but comments that have been made are in direct contradiction to the testimony given from advocacy organizations. Organizations that have testified again and again throughout the spring and then the last several days. They were not called. They were not conferred. They were not listened to. And it's a common theme because it's the same theme that you will hear on this side of the aisle again, and again, and again. And, Madam Speaker, I would like one more opportunity to bring my comments to a close with another Member, please."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Bennett will give you his three minutes."

Spain: "Thank you. So, here we are doing this process over again because we got it so wrong last time. And are we really listening to right the wrongs of the past, of our experience back in May? The answer is, resoundingly, absolutely not. We're doing the same thing again and, actually, not allowing and empowering the public to be involved and have their voice actually matter. I've heard Members say that advocacy groups have been conferred with. This is not true. And, in fact, the Sponsor indicates that she or staff has not conferred with MALDEF, which was a direction from federal court to confer with the plaintiffs in this complaint. That has not happened."

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We've had Members say that what a great process this has been because we've had so many different hearings. These are hearings that have included locked doors and no one showing up at all other than our dedicated Republican spokesperson and other Members of the Republican side of the aisle. This is not transparency. This is not legitimate outreach. It's not earnest involvement of constituents. It does you no good to have a portal where the public can submit their own maps. Well, guess what? No one from the public submitted any map. And you know who should've led by example? Those that control the portal. The Democratic Party, here in the Legislature, had an opportunity, for months, to share your map. Instead, maps are shared in this state minutes before a vote is to take place. It is a disingenuous process. It baffles me that we could consider that this is the appropriate way to run our government. There is no state in the country that has done what Illinois has done, forging ahead to draw maps with ACS flawed data. And now, with an arbitrary deadline of August 31, passing maps again. States aren't passing maps yet because we just got the census. And as you've heard from Republicans and advocacy organizations throughout the State of Illinois, more time is needed to get it right. I'll be the fourth or fifth speaker tonight to invoke the phrase, absolute power corrupts absolutely. It's become a trite expression. It's, frankly, one that I've heard far too many times when describing this Body and this State of Illinois. But mark my words, what is being done tonight should give you great heartache, should put a pit in your stomach, and should be

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the definition of that expression, absolute power. It has absolutely corrupted the State of Illinois. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Tarver for three minutes."

Tarver: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. As vice-chair of the bipartisan Redistricting Committee, I can echo what many of my colleagues have said today, that this piece of legislation has been the most publicly vetted compared to any other Bill in this chamber. Throughout this public process, which has included over 50 hearings throughout... over several months throughout the state, Republicans have been trying to throw everything they can at the wall to see what will stick. This is about one thing for them. Well, I guess, two, power and control, which, historically, has not worked out well for communities of color when Republicans are in control. The voters, not State Representatives on the Democratic side of the aisle, voters, have consistently put them in the minority because they don't want them in control of our state. You hear them talking a lot about minority and diverse populations, which is kind of remarkable to me, and it should be remarkable to you too, 'cause they don't care about diversity. Look at their voting records. Were there any voting... Republicans voting to ensure that people of color have access to quality health care? Any Republican votes to ensure that Illinois... Illinoisans had equal access to the ballot? Were there any Republican votes on the criminal justice Bill? And sorry, I have to go here. I don't mean the piss-poor trailer Bill that

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guttled what we fought for. That's when the Republicans showed up. But on the actual Bill where we fought for criminal justice reform, were there Republican votes? The answer is no. Naturally, they want to make it illegal for people to drink water while waiting in line to vote. And these are the individuals we're supposed to trust. I could go on, but let's stop the game. Republicans are not focused on diversity and minority representation. Otherwise, they would not have been trying to throw out a map that's regarded as a model for the nation when it comes to diversity and representation. The people of Illinois won't be fooled. It's as easy as taking stock of where the diversity is within this chamber. They say come on. I do want to come on. I took a quick scan. I think I counted 7 women over there. I have 7 women in this second row on our side of the aisle. That means 15 percent of the individuals over there are women, 85 percent are white men. That's not diverse. But these are the individuals who care about diversity. There's nobody black. There's nobody brown. There's no one Asian. There's no one openly LGBTQ over there. So, let's just be honest. Actions speak louder than words, especially those words when they're conveniently expressed. Let's stop the charade. The General Assembly used the best data available in the spring to meet our constitutional duty to pass a map by the deadline. The map complied with the State Constitution and Federal Law. Today, we're meeting our commitment to evaluate the census data and make any necessary changes to ensure precise population consistency. This map

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complies with the State Constitution and Federal Law. We've done everything by the book..."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Tarver, Representative Carroll will give you his three minutes. Please continue."

Tarver: "Thank you. I only need 30 seconds. Thank you, Madam Speaker. We have done everything by the book, and the cold, hard facts will prevail in this chamber, and they'll prevail in court. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Bourne for three minutes."

Bourne: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Bourne: "Thank you. Leader Hernandez, I know that we had a conversation in committee earlier today about how there may be answers in the Resolution to the questions that we asked about the map. And I know that you just had a conversation with Representative Spain about the demographic data being in the Resolution. I had a chance to look over it very quickly and this is, kind of, in follow up to some of the questions that he was asking. But I'm looking at... we had a lot of testimony about using Latino voting age population to determine the percentage for districts that would be acceptable. Could you tell me the reasoning behind the Latino voting age population being greater than 75 percent in House District 1?"

Hernandez, L.: "It's a very high concentrated area. That's what they call the Little Village."

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Bourne: "Yes, but I see there are several references in the Resolution to suggestions not being accommodated in that area from different community organizations. So, you took a proactive stance in having this be the way that House District 1 looks. Is there any particular reason? Right, we could say.. a lot of.. you know, we could look at the Jewish community that we spoke about earlier that was subdivided in this map. Is there a reason why House District 1... and actually, House District 23 has a very similar, except..."

Hernandez, L.: "I mixed it up, 23 is the Little Village. 1... yeah."

Bourne: "Okay. So, House..."

Hernandez, L.: "It's just very high... very high concentrated area as well."

Bourne: "So, your answer to House District 23 being greater than 84 percent is what? Could you say that again just to clarify?"

Hernandez, L.: "Very, very high concentrated Latino area."

Bourne: "And is that your same answer for House District 1?"

Hernandez, L.: "I'm sorry. I didn't hear you."

Bourne: "And for House District 1, since you had them flip-flopped, what's your reasoning for the Latino voting age population being greater than 75 percent in House District 1?"

Hernandez, L.: "It's a high... also a high concentrated area. So, it's just keeping it together."

Bourne: "So, keeping it together, but what were the factors in play of keeping those area together?"

Hernandez, L.: "It's a high concentrated area."

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Bourne: "Yes, I under... I understand that, but were there any other factors involved?"

Hernandez, L.: "Well, for the 23rd, I believe, it was to try to keep it together."

Bourne: "To keep it together..."

Hernandez, L.: "The village community together."

Bourne: "Were you aiming to get that percentage of a voting age population in that district?"

Hernandez, L.: "No. No."

Bourne: "So, what were the other factors at play?"

Hernandez, L.: "It was just a... what I'm aware of, it's a very high concentrated area of Latinos."

Bourne: "Okay. We've heard from several community organizations and advocacy groups who've suggested changes in this area. So, I was wondering if you could shed some light on your reasoning for that. To the Bill, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Bourne: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Would somebody like to give Representative Butler (sic Bourne) their time? Representative Hammond gives you three minutes."

Bourne: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Please continue."

Bourne: "You know, there might be some of our district that overlaps, but my name's still Bourne."

Speaker Manley: "See, I keep doing that. I'm sorry."

Bourne: "That's okay."

Speaker Manley: "I'm terribly sorry."

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Bourne: "That's okay. I really just want to take a moment to thank all of the advocates who joined us at these hearings. Particularly, advocates who joined us at the second and third set of hearings who believed in their heart that the process, the second or third time around, would be different. I was, particularly, struck the other day by several advocates who came to our committee and they wanted to believe the best. They said, surely, you didn't intentionally split up our community. Surely, you didn't intentionally keep us from knowing about these committee hearings. They want to believe the best about what happens in this building. They want to believe the best about the process. They want to believe that their hours and their dedication of work to give input on something that is so vitally important to their community is not ignored. They want to believe the best in us. And I am so, so sorry that today they have been proven wrong. That their testimony that they gave wasn't considered. That, in fact, it probably wasn't an oversight that their input wasn't included. And we're seeing now, finally, in this Resolution, that their couldn't... that their input couldn't be accommodated because partisan political advantage took precedence, or any of the other reasons that they gave for not being able to accommodate public input. Thank you for being a part of the process. I like to tell people I'm always one of the most hopeful people in the room. I think to do this job, especially in the Super Minority, you kind of have to be. But, man, am I disappointed by this. I was thinking about it. You know, the first time I got to vote was under

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the new map in 2010. The very first time I got to vote. Think about what's changed in the last 10 years in Illinois and how excited I was to vote for the first time. And I look at that... it's actually kind of crazy how gerrymandered it was, but I got to vote for the Gentleman who, now, I get to sit in his place, Wayne Rosenthal. It's a gerrymandered map that made that possible. But, holy cow, it's kept the Majority in absolute power so that they can twist and corrupt the system for their own political advantage. Meanwhile, these eight year olds, right now, are going to end up voting under this map. And if the people who are paying attention and really sophisticated to give input aren't being heard, we sure as heck aren't thinking about them. Very disappointed in this process. Can't express it strongly enough. But isn't that what happens in this building? We want to believe the best. We're only proven later that it's usually the worst. Please, please vote 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Williams, three minutes."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Williams, A.: "I wanted to start with a message to my seatmate, colleague, and friend, Leader Hernandez. I can't help but recall what one of the... my colleagues on the other side of the aisle said about no public input. On behalf of the caucus, Leader Hernandez, I want to thank you for the 50-plus hearings we had publicly and the thousands of hours of testimony. That hardly seems like no public input. But a word about process.

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We've heard a lot of complaints this evening about process. But today, tonight, we are debating amending the map that we adopted in May, that we adopted to fulfill our responsibility per our State Constitution. It's not an option. It's our constitutional duty. I don't want to leave it to chance and flip a coin. Do you? We owe it to our constituents to fulfill this duty, our obligation. The Amendment we're considering today includes proposed changes, based on an in-depth analysis of the long delayed census data and input from the public hearings I just mentioned. These changes represent our efforts to account for significant populationships across the state. And this process is consistent with our goal and obligation to ensure Illinois maps comply with the U.S. Constitution, our State Constitution, Federal and State Law, including the all-important Voting Rights Act. We've just come off an unprecedented year. The census data was delayed for good reason, the worldwide pandemic. But, from day one, we've committed to thoroughly reviewing and analyzing any census data, and making any changes necessitated by the data. Right here, on the floor, in May, we made that commitment and that's what we're doing today. This constitutional obligation is a serious matter. It's not about politics. It's not to be used for political fodder. The data has shown significant shifts in population. My district, alone, experienced extreme growth. We owe it to our constituents, all of our constituents, to accommodate that. Despite numerous invitations, the Republicans have failed to offer any specific recommendation, or proposed maps, or a plan. We've

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seen that before, right, Leader Hoffman? Instead, you've chosen to criticize the process in order to get to a hyperpartisan commission. I guess that's the way you want to get control. But this would not reflect what the Illinois voters have reflected at the ballot box. They've been clear, abundantly clear, what they want to see. The arguments we've heard are inconsistent, dubious at best. And that's why I don't see you being successful in your court case. So, you're trying to win in the court of public opinion."

Speaker Manley: "Representative, Representative Conroy gives you her three minutes. Please continue."

Williams, A.: "Thank... thanks, Rep. So, I think we know what's happening here. I've listened to your questions, carefully. They're not sincere. They're not being made on behalf of your constituents. They were probably written by your attorneys. You're hoping to trip up our Sponsor. You're hoping to ask a question, get the answer you want to hear, and use it in court. With this Amendment, however, we have the factual basis to back up what we are looking to do today. As the Sponsor mentioned, the total population deviation is less than half a percent, .48. That's how accurate and precise this map is, which was the goal of making these changes. So, what do you say now? What new issue are you going to come up with and fabricate to marginalize this process? Again, 50 public hearings, thousands of hours of public testimony. Unfortunately, as one of my colleagues mentioned earlier, this is the same playbook we've seen around the country. Obstruct, create gridlock, fabricate arguments, block the

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democratic process, disenfranchise the voters. Can't win the elections, so let's win in court. Is that the playbook? Because that's not the democratic process. That's not democracy. Here's the reality. This map complies with Federal and State Law. It preserves our status as a model to the nation when it comes to minority representation and diversity. It accounts for shifting population. I'm proud to support this map today. Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Butler for three minutes."

Butler: "Thank you, Speaker Manley. And thank you for your indulgence. I'm guessing I may speak longer than three minutes. So..."

Speaker Manley: "I will give you every consideration, for sure."

Butler: "I appreciate that. And first, let me just say to Leader Hernandez and to echo what Leader Spain said... I'm going to use the same word I used this spring. I appreciate the grace that you've shown in this entire process. And we disagree on a lot of things, and we're not happy... have a lot of concerns about this legislation, but the grace that you've handled with this, I truly appreciate. And I'll be great for that. A few questions of the Sponsor, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will yield."

Butler: "Thank you. Leader Hernandez, are you familiar with the Redistricting Transparency and Public Participation Act?"

Hernandez, L.: "Yes."

Butler: "And can you tell me what... what that Act is for? Why that was passed 10 years ago, in 2011?"

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Hernandez, L.: "My under... my understanding is, basically, to have hearings and have... and receive feedback from the public."

Butler: "That's correct. And according to the Act, after the Decennial Census data is released, the House Redistricting Committee must hold a hearing in, '...each of the four distinct geographic regions of the state determined by the committee.' So, my question is, what are the four geographic regions that we've complied with that Act?"

Hernandez, L.: "So, let me... let see if I can read my... so, there's Chicago. We've had hearings in Peoria, in the suburban areas, Metro East, Champaign. I think..."

Butler: "But the Act... the Act that we have to comply with says, 'The regions determined by the committee.' When did the committee determine those regions?"

Hernandez, L.: "When we scheduled the hearings, I would think."

Butler: "Well, was there a vote of the committee? Did we... did we discuss this?"

Hernandez, L.: "I think there was ample opportunity if concerned."

Butler: "Well, this... this is a Public Act that we have to comply with. The only... the only hearing that was... if you go back and look... and it's still online, you can look at it. The only hearing that was noticed that had a geographic location over the many that we held this weekend was Champaign. None of the other ones had a geographic location. So, are we in compliance with the Redistricting Transparency and Public Participation Act?"

Hernandez, L.: "Yes, we are."

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Butler: "I would disagree with that. Leader Hernandez, on August 23, the U.S. District Court for the northern district of Illinois urged the General Assembly to take into account the views of plaintiffs in crafting any amended plan. Were Republican Members of this chamber consulted during the process of drawing this revised map?"

Hernandez, L.: "I'm sorry, Representative Butler. You're going to have to ask that question again."

Butler: "Sure. Were the Republican Members of this chamber consulted during the process of drawing this revised map?"

Hernandez, L.: "Yes, absolutely. Actually, there was a letter sent to the Republicans inviting any recommendations you may have, map submission, and..."

Butler: "No, my... the ask is, were we consulted? I've... I've been in a few negotiations on pieces of... large pieces of legislation in this chamber. Receiving a letter is not consultation. Receiving a letter is receiving a letter. And by the way, we responded back to your letter. And just this evening, just this evening, Leader Spain asked for you to pull the Resolution about this very map, to work out differences on the Resolution, to confer with this side of the aisle to try to work out differences, and you refused that, right here on the floor of the House of Representatives. Did you share your plan with Republican Members of the Redistricting Committee before it was released at... 2 hours and 23 minutes ago?"

Hernandez, L.: "I'm sorry. Did I share what?"

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Butler: "Did you share your plan, the map, with the Republican Members of the Redistricting Committee before it was released at 5:20 p.m. this evening?"

Hernandez, L.: "No."

Butler: "Okay. One more question for you. So, we had a discussion this morning about the deletion, the repealing of Section 10 in House Amendment 1. And it's my understanding that in House Amendment 2 that language is stricken. And that... instead, we're not amending the old plan at all, repealing Section 10, we're actually just inserting a whole new plan, a Section 11. Is that correct?"

Hernandez, L.: "No, no, no, no. We're amending. I just want to make that perfectly clear. We are amending the... and I said it before, we are amending the redistricting plan, enacted as Public Act 102-10, to incorporate the 2020 Census. This is no different than amending any other existing statute."

Butler: "Is Section 11 a whole new Section?"

Hernandez, L.: "Yes."

Butler: "Okay. Thank you."

Hernandez, L.: "It's new language."

Butler: "To the Bill. To the Bill. This..."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Butler: "...this past spring and this... this fall, this August, we've heard from countless advocates who pleaded with the Body to wait for the release of the census data. On numerous occasions, these same advocates pointed out the inherent flaws in the ACS data and warned that it would exclude and diminish certain communities of interest. As we know, these

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concerns were valid. That's why we're here tonight. As a reminder, the May map was drawn with flawed sampling data from several years ago. There's a reason why the map deviation was three times the legal limit. Now, we have actual census data. Why wouldn't we start this process over again so we know the foundation of this map is built on sound data? Goes to all the questions we've asked this evening. As MALDEF argued in a recent court filing, this map is built on flawed and outdated information and a few alterations will not remedy the underlying issues. 'Tinkering with lines that ignore the essential elements of community composition are doomed to fail again.' That's MALDEF. In the same court filing, MALDEF stated, 'Legislative defendants cannot act if they never violated plaintiffs' constitutional rights and be trusted this time to do it the right way without judicial supervision. Indeed, the rushed process the legislative defendants are adopting now in a naked attempt to cut this panel out of its proper role raises serious concerns that legislative defendants are, again, ignoring the constraints placed on them by the U.S. Constitution during the redistricting process.' And here we are now, past the June 30 constitutional deadline for this Body to pass an effective map. The reason we are here tonight, voting on this, is because what y'all passed in May is not effective. And because of that, per our Constitution... there's another part of the Constitution you guys don't like talking about other than the June 30 deadline. It's the bipartisan commission that has been used many times. Bipartisan, not hyperpartisan. Bipartisan commission that has

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been used many times since the Constitution was enacted fifty years ago. Many times over the past several months the Sponsor of the Bill has claimed not to know who's drawing the maps, including the names of Majority's retained experts, despite being Chair of the committee. How would anyone testify in these hearings make it to the secret map drawers if the committee Chairs were not in communication with the map drawers? Let's review what happened this past week in advance of this Special Session. The Majority Party, specifically, Senator Sims, said that the public could draw and submit proposed maps on the Democrats' redistricting Web sites. As of Monday, that's only possible if a user already has an existing account and passwords with their sites. We heard in testimony today that the site just got reopened again, I believe it was... someone said in the hearing today. It's not possible to create a new account or submit a map without creating an account. The Majority, specifically, the Representative who chaired Sunday's hearing in Aurora, that was attended in person by Representative Keicher and myself... the Representative who chaired that hearing stated that all advocates who participated in the spring process were notified of the hearings to invite and to participate. Yet, at that same hearing, Aviva Patt, executive director of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, confirmed that is not true. She testified, in that hearing, that she was not contacted to give testimony, even though she testified in the spring hearings. In fact, she followed up with an email, after the hearing, stating it was not until 10:29 a.m., Sunday, for a

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10 a.m. hearing, that she was emailed a link to testify. At the hearing in Aurora, Sunday, we arrived and the door was locked at 10 a.m. That's accommodating the public, really? A locked door for a hearing? We heard last night, in committee, from Mrs. Johansson who described her struggles to testify at any hearing. Not being able to testify, Representative Spain and I were there in Peoria, and talked to her in Peoria. Not receiving a link for Sunday's hearing, even though she filed a witness slip. And finally, last night, through the byzantine process of the ILGA Web site to try to get people to relay their concerns, on her third try she received a Zoom link to testify. God bless her persistence. We shouldn't have to have people go through that just to express their opinions on this important legislation. Democrats have repeatedly said that a new map had not been created before the public hearings, but the purpose of the hearings was to gather public input before making changes. Last Wednesday, I walked into the Bilandic Building, in 600, for a hearing. And like I often do, I go into the room next door to grab a bottle of water, to hang up my jacket, to talk to some of you. And what do my wondering eyes do I see? A bunch of you all hanging out there in 600, looking at laptops that I could see with maps on them. Before the hearings even began. So, stop the charade about the fact that you got all this public input before you drew the maps. We know better. You know better. I've seen it firsthand, that many of you were looking at your maps before the hearings for this Special Session even began. This process has been in no way been transparent, no respect of public, has been stated

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numerous times by the Majority. MALDEF, UKRO, Muslim Civic Coalition, the Orthodox Jews, so many organizations have come forward to express their united concerns, their united concerns, against these maps and this process, and you've ignored them. CHANGE Illinois testified at multiple hearings this year. CHANGE is an organization many of you know. It helped draft legislation for an independent redistricting commission, legislation that was introduced by a current Member of the House Democratic Caucus, and cosponsored by eight current Members of the Democratic Caucus, as well as eight current Members of the Republican Caucus, including Representative Spain and myself. Boy, that's a bipartisan way to do things. You have eight Members on your side and eight Members on our side that agree on a redistricting process that change outline. Yet, on Saturday, a CHANGE Illinois board cochair testified at the hearing in Peoria. 'In reality, the process this year is worse than the process led by Speaker Madigan ten years ago.' Congratulations. Five years ago, on this very floor, a Constitutional Amendment for an independent redistricting commission passed this house, overwhelmingly. Currently, there are thirty-one House Democrats who voted for that measure. Thirty-one. Who today are the brave souls of your caucus that will live up to that vote and vote against the redistricting plan we have before us today? Who of the House Democratic Caucus will stand with the people of Illinois, the advocacy groups, the average citizens who want a different path forward for redistricting? This takes seventy-one votes to pass tonight, folks. Are there

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three of you, three? Three who will live up to your previous votes? Who will live up to your campaign promises for independent fair map redistricting and vote against this partisan, politician drawn map today? The very type of map Governor Pritzker went back on his pledge to veto, that he actually signed. You have the opportunity to make history today. To vote against this Bill, to use the power vested in you, as a Legislator, today to change the course of how Illinois draws political boundaries and chart a bold, new path forward. To say enough is enough and demand to your Leadership a different way of redistricting. You have the power to do that. Are there three of you that will do it? Push that 'no' button and stand up for the people you promised to represent. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Hernandez to close."

Hernandez, L.: "Before I close, I do want to make a... a clarification of a question that was asked earlier. The legal team did... I repeat, the legal team did confer with MALDEF and the Republicans about maps when they were being released. And I also, once again, want to remind our colleagues from the other side that the letter was sent to give you the opportunity to submit your recommendations, maps, and so on, and there was nothing. Let me... let me go on and say, I would like to thank the Members of the House Redistricting Committee and all of those who submitted written testimony or participated in the hearings. It's been a grueling process. What I have to say... an experience like no other. The public engagement was grand to me because it did offer an opportunity

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for the public to be more involved. And as we continue, I think that that process is going to be even open further, now that we have online opportunity. This hasn't been easy, but it is a map that I truly believe reflects the diversity of this state. We did it. I ask for your 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Members, Representative Batinick has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 927 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Lewis."

Lewis: "No."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Lewis votes 'no'. Representative McLaughlin."

McLaughlin: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'no'."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative McLaughlin votes 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting in 'favor', 43 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. Mr. Clerk, please read the names of those voting in the affirmative."

Clerk Hollman: "A poll of those voting in the affirmative.
Representative Ammons. Representative Andrade.
Representative Avelar. Representative Buckner.
Representative Burke. Representative Carroll. Representative Cassidy.
Representative Collins. Representative Conroy.
Representative Costa Howard. Representative Crespo.
Representative Croke. Representative D'Amico. Representative

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Davis. Representative Delgado. Representative DeLuca.
Representative Didech. Representative Evans. Representative
Flowers. Representative Ford. Representative Gabel.
Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Representative Gonzalez.
Representative Gordon-Booth. Representative Greenwood.
Representative Guerrero-Cuellar. Representative Guzzardi.
Representative Halpin. Representative Harper. Representative
Harris. Representative Barbara Hernandez. Representative Lisa
Hernandez. Representative Hirschauer. Representative
Hoffman. Representative Hurley. Representative Jones.
Representative Kifowit. Representative LaPointe.
Representative Lilly. Representative Mah. Representative
Manley. Representative Mason. Representative Mayfield.
Representative Meyers-Martin. Representative Moeller.
Representative Morgan. Representative Moylan. Representative
Mussman. Representative Ness. Representative Nichols.
Representative Ortiz. Representative Ramirez. Representative
Rita. Representative Robinson. Representative Scherer.
Representative Slaughter. Representative Smith.
Representative Stava-Murray. Representative Stoneback.
Representative Stuart. Representative Tarver. Representative
Vella. Representative Walker. Representative Walsh.
Representative West. Representative Ann Williams.
Representative Jawaharial Williams. Representative Willis.
Representative Yang Rohr. Representative Yednock.
Representative Yingling. Representative Zalewski. And Mr.
Speaker."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Batinick."

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Batinick: "Thank you. You're going to give me a long mask break. I appreciate that. Representative Hirschauer. Okay. It's hard to tell with the mask here. Representative Ness. Where? Oh, sorry. Representative Vella. Representative Gabel. Gong-Gershowitz. Representative Yingling. Representative LaPointe. Representative Mason. Representative... I don't see Representative Didech. Okay. Representative Mussman. Representative Stava-Murray. Oh, sorry. Sorry. Representative Janet Yang Rohr. Okay. Representative Costa Howard. Okay. I'll withdraw."

Speaker Manley: "On this question, there are 73 voting in 'favor', 43 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Gordon-Booth, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Gordon-Booth: "Moment of personal privilege, Madam Speaker."

Manley: "Please proceed."

Gordon-Booth: "I wanted to take this moment to extend an extra special thank you to Leader Lisa Hernandez. Yeah. Leader Hernandez has had such... the way in which you have conducted yourself, not just this last week, but this entire spring Session, has been one of just... you've operated with such grace, and dignity, and integrity in spite of how you may have been treated. You were the absolute right person to lead this committee. And as was stated earlier, your kindness. Even when that wasn't necessarily extended to you, you always gave it back in spades. As women, as mothers, as Leaders, we go through a lot in these jobs, in these roles, and in these

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positions. And it isn't lost on me what you and your family are still... the walk that you're having right now, and the bags that you're carrying. And even though that you're still carrying, I know some of the heaviest, heaviest burden that you've ever carried in your life, you show up here every day. And you've led one of the most important committees that we've had. And so, I just want to extend an extra special thank you and send you some love because you absolutely deserve it. Thank you, Leader Hernandez."

Speaker Manley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Kifowit. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kifowit: "Thank you... thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Ma'am. Members of the House of Representatives, I ask you for a moment of your time. This morning, I dropped off my son, he just finished his first year in the Navy, at O'Hare Airport, to continue his service in Virginia. You can say that it brings out the mixture of feelings seeing your only boy walk through TSA to continue his service to our country. I am speaking from many perspectives here in my life. I am a wife of an Army veteran. I am the mother of a Navy Sailor. I am a veteran of the Marine Corp and a fellow colleague in our democratic government who has watched, over the past two weeks, alongside each of you, the situation in Afghanistan unfold and mourned the recent loss of our dedicated Marines, an Army Soldier, and a Navy Corpsman. It is with a heavy heart, as we all mourn and

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struggle with the sudden and personal loss of our fallen. I know all too well that no speech or commentary can ever repay the debt owed to the 13 brave young men who gave the ultimate sacrifice last week, or the 2,448 service members who did not return home over the last 20 years, or to their families who joined the ranks of our Gold Star families. During the last 2 weeks, we have seen our heroes in uniform, our nation's finest, rise to the difficult and dangerous mission ahead, like they always have and they always will, to secure the evacuation and relocation of over 122 thousand people. And these people, they have lives, and stories, and dreams, and hopes, and opportunities that have been given a new chance and a new beginning because of our brave service men and women in our armed forces serving today. But I will admit, there is more work yet to be done, and there are still more people who need to come home. Over the last 20 years, the men and women of our military, truly the best we have to offer amongst us all, have endeavored, as they always have and always will, throughout the Middle East conflicts and, especially, Afghanistan. In addition to around the globe, to protect and defend not simply our freedoms, but the safety and security of untold individuals and unknown lives that they have helped. It must also be recognized that over the same period of time, our state's finest have supported the mission in Afghanistan, with the Illinois National Guard sending thousands of our own men and women, mothers and fathers, into harm's way over the duration of the war in Afghanistan. From the entire 33rd Infantry Brigade back in 2008, to just 3 days ago, when an

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Illinois Air National Guard C-130 from the Peoria base, 182nd Airlift Wing, evacuated refugees from Kabul. Dedicated Illinoisans have answered the call, regardless of being in harm's way, this whole time. I am constantly reminded that it is our turn to ensure all those amongst us, all of them, who have been shaped by the conflict in Afghanistan, especially those veterans who were there and the families who lost loved ones there, know that not only on this day, but forever more, that they are not alone. That we, as a community, as a State of Illinois, are proud and humbled by their sacrifice. Whether it is an injury, one that is seen or unseen, or an ultimate sacrifice of one's life, we, as a state, need to recognize and honor this steep price of our safety, the safety of others throughout our nation's years in this conflict in Afghanistan and around the world. As a community, as a state, we need to walk alongside our veterans and their families. Reach out to them, without answers, without judgement, without words, without commentary, but in solemn respect and humble solidarity for them. Our men and women in uniform have answered our nation's call, time and again, with honor and pride. And we, in Illinois, should come together and support them with honor and respect. Therefore, my colleagues, please join me, as I know you will, in showing our commitment and dedication to the men and women who serve our nation, protect our freedoms, and put the lives of others ahead of their own each and every single day. I ask all Members of the Illinois House of Representatives to share with me a moment of silence, a moment of reflection, a moment of respect, to pay honor to

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those who gave the ultimate sacrifice as well as those dedicated few among us who were there to always answer the call from a grateful nation and a grateful state. God bless our fallen. God bless our active duty servicemen and women. God bless our veterans, and all the military families, and our nation. As we heal through this difficult time, we, as a state, as a nation, must never forget our heroes and we must always hold them in our hearts. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Chair. In the past several hours, the war in Afghanistan came to an end after 20 years. A very controversial ending, but let's not forget the 14 fallen men and women at the war's end. U.S. Marine Staff Sergeant Taylor Hoover, 31, from Midvale, Utah. Tributes to Hoover poured onto his face page, including one from Hoover's father who is also named Darin. 'So glad I got to see him before he left. I love you, son. You're my hero.', the elder Hoover wrote. 'Please check in on us once in a while. I'll try to make you proud.' U.S. Marine Sergeant Johanny Rosario from Lawrence, Massachusetts. Lawrence Mayor, Kendrys Vasquez, issued a statement saying he was heartbroken at the loss of a daughter of our city. Her family asked for privacy and that their loved one be recognized as the hero she was. U.S. Marine Sergeant Nicole Gee from Roseville, California. Just days before her death, Sergeant Nicole Gee posted a photo on Instagram of herself in uniform, while holding a baby in Afghanistan, with the caption, 'I love my job.' Another of Gee's photo posted more recently shows her posing near a cargo plane as a line

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of people wait to board from the back. The photo is captioned, 'Escorting evacuees on the bird.' U.S. Marine Corporal Hunter Lopez from La Quinta, California. Lopez is the son of 2 Riverside County Sheriff's Department officers, Captain Herman Lopez and Deputy Alicia Lopez. The department announced Lopez's death on Friday. Lopez planned on following in his parents' footsteps and joining the department as a deputy when he got home from his deployment. U.S. Marine Corporal Daegan Page from Omaha, Nebraska. Page was an avid hockey player and part of the Omaha hockey scene growing up. U.S. Marine Corporal Humberto Sanchez from Logansport, Indiana. He was 1 of 17 people in his class to enlist in the military. Principal Matt Jones said, 'Humberto was a bright, athletic young man who was popular, well-liked by his soccer teammates, classmates, coaches and teachers,' Jones said. 'He was honored to be putting on the Marine uniform and serving his country.' Sanchez took honors in college level courses, was in the homecoming court, and was an artist. U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui from Norco, California. My understanding is that he rescued... per a Sergeant that wrote the family... he rescued 3 families. And he was in the process of saving children, translators that worked in the U.S. Government. He passed off a child, went back in the crowd, and that's when the bomb went off. He graduated from Norco High School in 2019, was a member of the JROTC program. His father, Steve, told the *Daily Beast* that his son loved what he was doing. He always wanted to be a Marine. U.S. Marine Lance Corporal McCollum from Bondurant, Wyoming. McCollum's

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father, Jim, told the *New York Times* that McCollum was helping with that evacuation and guarding a checkpoint when the attack at the airport happened. His father said this was McCollum's first deployment and that he had gotten married recently. His wife was expecting their first child. U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Schmitz from Wentzville, Missouri. His father told St. Louis radio, KMOX, that his son had always wanted to be a Marine and that he had never seen a young man train as hard as he did to be the best soldier he could. His life meant so much more. 'I'm so incredibly devastated I won't be able to see the man that he was very quickly growing into becoming,' said his dad. U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Espinoza from Laredo, Texas. When he joined the military after high school, he did so with the intention of protecting our nation and demonstrating a selfless act of service. U.S. Marine PFC Ricky Thompson was from Greenville, North Carolina. U.S. Navy HN Maxton Soviak from Berlin Heights, Ohio. His family said that Max was most proud of being a Navy Corpsman and 'devil doc' for the U.S. Marines. The statement said Max leaves behind of big family of 12 brothers and sisters. U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss from Corryton, Tennessee. There was no dissuading Ryan from serving his country. A former classmate said he wrote in an elementary school year book that he wanted to join Marines when he grew up. Even when he underwent grueling sessions as part of his psychological operations training, he wife, Alena, understood. She grew up in the family, too. 'I think the only person he was scared for was me. He did not question his job,' she said. 'If they needed

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him in the middle of the woods at 4 a.m., he'd be in the middle of the woods at 4 a.m. If they needed him in Afghanistan in 30 minutes, he'd be there. His only qualm, I think, was leaving me behind.' She said their house near North Carolina's Fort Bragg feels empty now. Marine Lance Corporal Merola from Rancho Cucamonga, California. Corporal Merola was a graduate of Los Osos High School, according to ABC 7 of Los Angeles. Students honored him at a football game on Friday night by wearing red, white, and blue, the TV station reported. If you go downstairs in the first floor, you can watch a video of these young men and women. And now, you can be able to understand their story. All of them are volunteers. No draft. No longer do the courts send people to the military. These were all volunteers. All leave behind a devastated family who now have earned the right to wear a Gold Star Pin. This past weekend, I met with Pam Boland, a Gold Star mother. She, of course, was devastated. She lost her son, Sergeant Douglas Riney, in Afghanistan. She asked me, 'How do I accept what we see going on in Afghanistan?' My remark to her was, 'Your son died bravely. He protected our country during his service. And we've continued to see that protection through all 20 years of all the losses.' As mentioned earlier, Illinois contributed many from our own state, many from your districts. Over 127 men or women died in Illinois. Men like Captain Steele Lufkin, Riney, Wherly, Luxmore, Miller, and many more. Their memories and their families are all in our prayers. We should always remember and never forget the legacy the men and women have left for us and the freedoms we enjoy

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today. Madam Chair, I'd also, too, like to call for a moment of silence."

Speaker Manley: "Members, a moment of silence. Thank you. Members, I ask you to pause a moment. We're going to go into regular Session shortly. Mr. Clerk, Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "Adjournment Resolution for the First Special Session. House Joint Resolution #1.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until the call of the President."

Speaker Manley: "All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. The House, in Special Session, now stands adjourned to the call of the Speaker."