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Speaker Evans: "The House shall be in order. Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Jack Clair. Reverend Clair is with Misericordia Heart of Mercy in Chicago, Illinois. Reverend Clair is the guest of Representative Blair-Sherlock. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance." Reverend Clair: "I'm used to being up there, not down here. So, loving God, I hope you hear me from here. God, we are so touched by the presence of so many good people in our lives. As we step into this sacred space, we know that many men and women have given of their time, their energy, and their hearts to serve so many people. Help us to always be mindful that, whether we're parents or Legislators, priests or social workers, we are here to make people's lives better. Help us to do that in each decision we make, in each way we try to do your will. We thank you for these good men and women. We thank you for their generosity and ask your blessing upon them and their families. May they continue to serve you in all their decision making. May you bless their work, and may they enjoy their time away from here. We thank you that we all are able to travel in safety to your Capitol. We thank you for the blessings that are ours. Continue, especially, to watch out for those who cannot take care of themselves, those who are disabled, those who are migrants, those who are hungry, those who are without work. Help us in our own way to do whatever we can to make their lives better. We thank you and ask your blessing on all who are gathered here, in your name, for you are lord forever and ever. Amen."

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- Speaker Evans: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Hammond."
- Hammond 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 Evans: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Buckner is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."
- Buckner: "Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Carroll, Will Davis, and Gabel are excused today."
- Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle. Leader Keicher."
- Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect Representative Reick is excused for today."
- Speaker Evans: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 114 Members answering a roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."
- Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on November 7, 2023: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is Senate Bill 1289, Senate Bill 1559; approved for consideration, referred to Third Reading is Senate Bill 689, Senate Bill 805, and Senate Bill 2315; and the Accept Amendatory Veto Motion has been recommended to be adopted for House Bill 2878. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 484, offered by

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Representative Gordon-Booth; House Resolution 495, offered by Representative Halbrook; House Resolution 496, offered by Representative Evans; and House Resolution 497, offered by Representative Benton, are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Vella, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Vella: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege." Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Vella: "If you look up in the Speaker's box, you will see a group of special students and their chaperones that have come here all the way from Martino Filetico High School in Ferentino, Italy, which is a sister city of Rockford. They come to Rockford as part of the sister city program earlier this week in order to learn how we live, and they have come to Springfield to see how our government works. The sister city program pairs cities from across the world in order to learn each other's cultures, foods, and tradition. Rockford has been a sister city with Ferentino for almost 20 years. The relationships stem from the fact that many of the 10 thousand people of Italian descent in the Rockford area trace their roots back from Ferentino, including me, through my greatgrandfather Gabriel. In those 20 years, kids have come back and forth between the two cities. And I am proud to host these kids today. And with your indulgence, I will say who they are. First, the president of the Rockford Italian Sister City Alliance, Dina Getty; Rockford's chaperone and treasurer of the alliance, Karen Cantele. And I'm going to try my best: Chiara Celani, Silvia Cecilia, Alexia Cerilli, Cerroni, Giuseppina Sisti, Giulia Zimbellari, Valentina

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Borzacca, Sofia Cellitti, Beatrice Gargani, Christian DeCarolis. The head mistress is Sara Colatosti, and the professor is my cousin, Ermelinda Andrelli. Please joining me in a round of applause and a warm welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Niemerg, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Niemerg: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Niemerg: "With me today, I have a Page for a day, Ashton Parrish.

He is in eighth grade, right, Aston? Yep, at New Hebron in Robinson. And his mom, Kindra, is here in the gallery. Kindra? She's up there somewhere. Oh, there you... okay. I want to welcome Ashton and his mom to the Capitol. Ashton wants to be a State Rep. down the road, so I wish him luck. Welcome to Springfield, Ashton."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Halbrook, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Halbrook: "Thank you. So, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would like to introduce some royalty today. I have with me as my Page for the day Hailey Durham. She's from Pana, just about 45, 50 miles southeast of here. But Hailey is currently a freshman at Southern Illinois University, studying physiology pre-med. I got through that. She's very active in the Alpha Gamma Delta as a member and on the philanthropy... philanthropy, easy for me to say, committee member. Very active in the

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community. She is a 2021 Teen Miss Tri-County... is the former Miss Tri-County and is the current reigning 2023 Miss Pana Tri-County Fair Queen. Let's give her a nice, warm Springfield welcome. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative West, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

West: "A point of personal privilege, Sir."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

West: "As many of us know, and I should say all of us should know, it's our staff that helps us to be successful. I'm really excited to have one of my district aides with me, Tamir Bell. And I just want to... I ask for giving him a Springfield welcome, his first time here while we're in Session. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

McLaughlin: "If you would just indulge me briefly, I wanted to let everybody know that my mom, Barbara Merrick McLaughlin, turned 86 yesterday. And Barbara was the first in her family to go to college, where she played basketball at West Chester State University. She married my father, a LaSalle graduate, a swimmer, had four children. She's got 10 grandchildren, and a month ago, her first great-grandchild. So, I wish the Body would join me in wishing Barbara McLaughlin, an educator of 37 years in Catholic education of thousands of kids... and, mom, happy birthday. We all love you, and hopefully the Body

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will join in a happy birthday as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ness: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Ness: "So, I wanted to announce tomorrow, please join the Conference of Women Legislators, as we invite you to attend the COWL and NCSL empowering inclusive employment breakfast. We'll be up in Room 402, right above the chamber. You can stop and grab breakfast and hear from the State Exchange on Employment and Disability, which informs policymakers on assistance in developing inclusive workplace policies. So, look forward to seeing you all there. I have one more quick point. My new district director, Denise Haugk, is up in the gallery today. So, everybody give her a warm Springfield welcome. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Rosenthal, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Rosenthal: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Speak your point."

Rosenthal: "Today, we will... I have with me as a Page Gabi Lazar, whose mother... where'd your mother go? Oh, there she is... works here. And so, she came to work with us today. And she's a student... sixth grade student at Williamsville High School... or Williamsville Middle School, and we just need to have her a warm welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Blair-Sherlock, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Blair-Sherlock: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Blair-Sherlock: "Hi. First of all, I'd just thank Father Jack for coming to give the invocation, and I'd like to give him a shoutout. And the Leader speaks quickly, but he was from Misericordia. And if you've never seen Misericordia, it is a beautiful community in Chicago where over 600 people with different abilities live together in a wonderful atmosphere. It's an ideal setup for people with disabilities. And please, I would urge you, if you have not seen Misericordia, take advantage of the opportunity and check it out because it really is an ideal that we should all strive to meet in housing people with disabilities. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jed Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davis, J.: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Davis, J.: "Following in the footsteps of Representative McLaughlin, it is my mom's birthday today. And she chose to celebrate with us here in Springfield. She is in the gallery, right up there, on her 76th birthday. So, happy birthday, mom."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Coffey, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Coffey: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Coffey: "I'd like to recognize the Franklin Middle School seventh grade class. If you could stand up here? They... they came to

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see the Capitol today, and I'd just like them... to welcome them here, District 186."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ugaste, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ugaste: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

"Thank you. A little over two weeks ago, I placed an op-Ugaste: ed on the desk of everyone in the chamber talking about opportunity deserts in our state and the three primary causes: high taxes and over regulation, crime, and lack of access to quality education for all. The end of the op-ed, I invited the Democrat side of the aisle to work with the Republican side of the aisle and let's fix these problems together. To date, I have not heard and assumed it was due to it being Veto Session, and we'll wait till Spring Session. Because what we have been doing is not working, and that's evidenced by the WalletHub study that's contained in that op-ed that shows Illinois is worst in the nation in economic racial equality. But there's one thing that we need to do before we leave Veto Session that we... that cannot wait, changing the sunset on the Invest in Kids Act. We still have time. We're about to go to our separate caucuses. You, as Democrats, are the Super Majority. You have control, as do your counterparts in the Senate. You get to determine whether or not we will pass some type of legislation that will remove this sunset. You already know you have Republican Members' full caucuses, both chambers willing to support legislation that removes the sunset. You control the House and the Senate. You determine what Bills get called. We have a Democrat Governor who said

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he's ready to sign it if we do it. Let's get this done. The children in this program do not have the means to go to schools they are in. You see them. I think some of them might be in the gallery. You've seen them outside. They've been with us the past few weeks. Stacy Davis Gates, the president of the CTU, should not be the only one who gets to send her son to another school when they cannot receive a quality... when that child cannot receive a quality education in the school they're assigned to. Ladies and Gentlemen, all of you get to decide. Let's remove this sunset. It's solely about providing children with a quality education. It's about their future. It's about providing them with equal opportunity."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Canty, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Canty: "So, we are here on Tuesday. We all love a good Tuesday when we get to come back together. But what we love even more than Tuesdays are Wednesdays when we get invited to come to a legislative breakfast briefing drop-in on the state of public transportation in Illinois. So, it is going to happen tomorrow, Wednesday, November 8, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Stratton Building, Room M-1. I hope you come and you bring your ideas, your questions, your thoughts. We have some real work to do on public transit, and I really look forward to working with my friends across the aisle as well. Thank you so much."

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Speaker Evans: "Heading to the Calendar. Under the Order of Amendatory Vetoes on page 2, we have House Bill 2878, Leader Hoffman. Leader Hoffman is recognized."

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Hoffman: House. I move that we accept the Governor's Amendatory Veto to House Bill 2878. This underlying Bill has to deal with the issue of procurement. There were 19 Bills that were contained in the underlying Bill, which was contained in Senate Floor Amendment #2. We ultimately concurred to that Amendment. They included issues such as House Bill 2878 concerning giving preference for former coal mine employees preference. It talked about additional ideas regarding ensuring that Illinois bid preference is given to Illinois companies. It would award not-for-profit agencies, persons, and significant disabilities, would give them... that was a Costa Howard Bill, would give them preference. It provided for additional veterans' preference, which was Representative Rosenthal's Bill. It provide also Representative Smith's Reimagining Hotel Florence Act. Representative Tarver's request for waiver... concerning waiver of aspirational goals tightening that up as well as public institutions of higher education. The only thing that the Governor took issue with was a sentence concerning the issue of private-public partnerships. And that sentence, I believe, was inadvertently added in which it would've allowed these private-public partnerships, not only for the tollway and IDOT, but also for county and municipal governments. The Governor indicated in his Amendatory Veto that he wished to remove

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governments. And if we remove them, he would be good with the Bill. I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, in our analysis, we have that Local 150 has been working with the Governor's Office to find P3 language that will be agreeable to all parties. Are you aware of what the status of those discussions are?"

Hoffman: "This... this would be... this would contain the status of those discussions."

Windhorst: "So, we should anticipate, on this issue, nothing further than what is in this Bill?"

Hoffman: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Our analysis also shows proponents and opponents on the original Bill. Did the Amendatory Veto affect the proponents and opponents to your knowledge?"

Hoffman: "The proponents still remain. I'm not sure about the opponents. However, it did address some of the concerns that they had with having the... the public-private partnerships on local governments as well as counties and townships and municipalities."

Windhorst: "And as you specified, the underlying Bill had many subparts. The Amendatory Veto affected just one of those. Is that accurate?"

Hoffman: "Yes. It was... it had... 19 Bills were contained in the omnibus Bill. They were both Republican and Democrat ideas.

And the only issue that the Governor took issue with was the

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issue of the private-public partnerships in local governments."

Windhorst: "And when it first passed the House, it was 107 to 5 on Concurrence. After the changes in the Senate, the vote was 77-9-1. Does that sound accurate to you?"

Hoffman: "Yes."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, Leader Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "I would ask that we accept the Governor's Amendatory

Veto. I think that is... it is... was well-intentioned, was well
placed, and it makes a better Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman moves to accept the specific recommendation of the Governor to House Bill 2878. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote '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 109 voting in 'favor', 4 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Motion, having received the Constitutional Majority, the specific recommendation of the Governor as to House Bill 2878 are accepted. Leader Mah is recognized for an announcement."

Mah: "Speaker, Democrats would request a caucus immediately in Room 114."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar is recognized." Guerrero-Cuellar: "Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "I wanted to take this time to say thank you to all of you. I promised I wouldn't cry. That was a very difficult call a few weeks ago. But what I wanted to say is, some of you don't know this, is that when you were texting and you were sending your prayers and your thoughts and your well-wishes, sometimes I didn't have my phone and my daughters had my phone. And so, as much as you were sending strength to me, you sent strength to them because, for the first couple hours, we didn't know. And that was hard. And I couldn't process as a wife because I had to be a mother and I had to make sure I went through a check list, 'cause unfortunately there's a check list in these situations, and I had to make sure everything was checked off. And so, your continuous prayers and well-wishes and road to recovery, I can't explain it, but by God, you made me get through this so much. And I thank every single one of you for your emails, your calls, your prayers, the flowers, everything that you sent out. I really, really do say thank you. I'm happy to say that at some point my husband will walk again. We truly believe that he will walk again. It'll take some time, but he's in good spirits and it's thanks to all of you and everybody who supported him during this last few weeks and will continue to do so. And I just wanted to say thank you. I know I don't have to say that, but it's important that I do because you really helped my daughters. And as a mother, I can't thank you enough for that."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ammons, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

"Thank you. I also want to thank the Members of the Assembly. The passing of my father was very sudden, and your well-wishes, flowers, calls was very much appreciated, and those who contributed. My father grew up in East St. Louis in a community that was strong at one time. And ultimately deindustrialization caused a significant economic drain on the people in East St. Louis. And this Assembly can help those people, even if it's not your district. My father passed away suddenly, and we had to take care of him and bury him with dignity. And many of you helped us do that. And I want to thank you. I want to thank our Speaker of the House for his warm wishes and flowers and all of our Members for the cards and greetings and contributions to help the family in East St. Louis. And I really, really appreciate the support, as I was not able to be here the first week of Veto Session because of that. And I'm glad to have a family here and a family there that could depend on us to support them in the time such as this. So, thank you so much to the Members and to our Speaker of the House. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting this afternoon: At 3:00 is Personnel & Pensions in Room 115, the Executive Committee in Room 118, Health Care Licenses in Room 122B, Energy & Environment in Room 114, Insurance in Room C-1. Meeting at 4:00 is Ethics & Elections in Room 114, Gaming

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in D-1, Revenue & Finance in Room 122B, and Judiciary - Civil in Room C-1."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 463, offered by Representative Will Davis. House Resolution 464 through 480, all offered by Representative Weber. House Resolution 481, offered by Representative Rashid. House Resolution 482, offered by Representative Barbara Hernandez. House Resolution 483, offered by Representative Mason. House Resolution 485, offered by Representative Mason. House Resolution 486, offered by Representative Hirschauer. House Resolution 487, offered by Representative Hirschauer. House Resolution 488, offered by Representative Rashid. House Resolution 489, offered by Representative Ozinga. House Resolution 490, offered by... offered by Representative Scherer. House Resolution 491, offered by Representative Kifowit. House Resolution 492, offered by Representative Vella. Resolution 493, offered by Representative Didech. And House Resolution 494, offered by Representative Buckner. And... and House Resolution 498, offered by Representative West."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Buckner moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, November 8, at the time of 11 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4211, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4212, offered by Representative Tarver, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 4213, offered by Representative Buckner, a Bill for concerning local government. House Bill 4214, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4215, offered by Representative Schmidt, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 4216, offered by Representative Spain, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4217, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4218, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4219, offered Representative Yang Rohr, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4220, offered by Representative Caulkins, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 4221, offered by Representative Ann Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4222, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. First Reading of these House Bills. Committee Reports. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee ... Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on November 7, 2023: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 1956. Representative Rita, Chairperson with the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on November 7, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 950; do

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amended Short. Debate is Senate Bill pass as Representative Morgan, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on November 7, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 767. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on November 7, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 384; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 1699. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on November 7, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 765. Representative West, Chairperson from the Committee on Ethics & Elections reports the following committee action taken on November 7, 2023: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 351. Representative Didech, Chairperson from the Committee on Gaming reports the following committee action taken on November 7, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 584. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on November 7, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 696; and do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 690. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson with the Committee on Judiciary -Civil reports the following committee action taken on November 7, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 382. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 382, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 384, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 385, a Bill for an Act

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concerning civil law. Senate Bill 584, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 690, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 696, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 765, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 767, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 950, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of these Senate Bills. They'll be held on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."