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Speaker Guzzardi: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Representative Dave Severin. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Representative Severin."

Severin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just... I'd share a verse before we pray this afternoon, Revelations 3:20. Revelations is the 66th book of the... in the Bible, and King James. I'm old school, so we'll go with that. Chapter 3, verse 20 says: 'Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door,' which would be our heart, 'I will come in and sup with him, and he with me.' Let's pray. Lord, I thank you for this day. I thank you we can call upon your name and you hear and answer our prayers. And, Lord, I thank you for this day, that we're busy in the Capitol, but, Lord, I'm thankful that you're not too busy to know who we are and to love us and care about us. And I pray today, as we come before you, that you watch over each one of us, give us wisdom and direction as we look to you. I pray for protection for those that have traveled to the Capitol today as they travel home, all the ones that have come from all over this state. And I thank you, Lord, that we have the opportunity to call upon your name in this building, and we'd ask you to be with us, give us wisdom and direction, give us favor. Lord, we just don't ask when we're in trouble, but we ask on good days also for you to be with us, and not only for us, but our families, businesses, those that are in our constituency in our districts. And, again, I thank you for this day. I thank

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you for each one that's in this room. Lord, touch our hearts this day. Let us know that you have purpose for each one of us. Those that hear my voice today, I pray, Lord, that they'll hear your voice also. In your name, amen."

Speaker Guzzardi: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Faver Dias."

Faver Dias - 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 Guzzardi: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Gabel is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Gabel: "Speaker, let the record show that Representative Ammons is excused today."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The record will so reflect. Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that all Republicans are here to conduct the people's business today."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The record will so reflect. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 117 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Ness, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 3365, House Bill 3619, House Bill

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3636, and House Bill 3732; do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 871. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2340, House Bill 3323, House Bill 3433, House Bill 3654, House Bill 3678, House Bill 3701, and House Bill 3760; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2339 and 3639. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1836, House Bill 2548, House Bill 3281, House Bill 3363, House Bill 3431, House Bill 3524, House Bill 3663, House Bill 3671, and House Bill 3713; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 1611, House Bill 2658, and House Bill 3087. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1331, House Bill 1857, House Bill 1864, House Bill 2671, House Bill 3248, House Bill 3445, House Bill 3502, House Bill 3595, House Bill 3699, House Bill 3752, and House Bill 3782; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 1234. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1737, House Bill 2535, House Bill 2849, House Bill 2863, House Bill 2891, House Bill 3164, House Bill 3282, House Bill 3398, House Bill 3499, House Bill 3604, and House Bill 3679. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the

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following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1821, House Bill 2901, House Bill 3177, and House Bill 3238; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 1747. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1441, House Bill 1753, House Bill 2790, House Bill 3405, and House Bill 3725; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 643 and House Bill 2495. Representative Meyers-Martin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1619, House Bill 3021, House Bill 3108, House Bill 3351, House Bill 3375, House Bill 3490, and House Bill 3677; do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 226, House Bill 2338, House Bill 2435, and House Bill 3148. Representative Ammons, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1596, House Bill 3510, and House Bill 3614; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 3399, House Bill 3609, and House Bill 3739. Representative Croke, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions and Licensing reports the following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 3467 and House Bill 3477; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2850, House Bill 3553, and House Bill 3554. Representative Manley, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Access reports the following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate

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for House Bill 2464, House Bill 2852, House Bill 3163, House Bill 3328, House Bill 3489, House Bill 3593, House Bill 3637, and House Bill 3849; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 3233. Representative Swanson, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on March 18, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 3042; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 1352. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Education Policy reports the following committee action taken on March 19, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2390, House Bill 2502, House Bill 2927, House Bill 3247, House Bill 3252, and House Bill 3503; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2827. Representative Costa Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on March 19, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1287, House Bill 1451, House Bill 2418, House Bill 2423, House Bill 3195, House Bill 3271, House Bill 3428, House Bill 3761, and House Bill 3766; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 1108, House Bill 1431, House Bill 1597, House Bill 2774, House Bill 3214, and House Bill 3718. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on March 19, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2631, House Bill 2708, House Bill 3178, House Bill 3352, House Bill 3359, House Bill 3370, and House Bill 3494; do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2387, House Bill 2568, and House Bill 2594; and recommends be adopted Short Debate is Floor Amendment(s) 3 for House Bill 1083. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from

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the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on March 19, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2698, House Bill 3312, House Bill 3349; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 3650. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on March 19, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2634, House Bill 3070, House Bill 3176, House Bill 3185, House Bill 3190, House Bill 3740, and House Bill 3742; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 1461, House Bill 2374, House Bill 3187, House Bill 3339, and House Bill 3810. Representative Morgan, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on March 19, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1598, House Bill 2688, House Bill 3019, House Bill 3318, House Bill 3343, House Bill 3345, House Bill 3356, House Bill 3435, House Bill 3681, House Bill 3684, House Bill 3711, and House Bill 3769; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2517, House Bill 3360, House Bill 3683, and House Bill 3850. Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on March 19, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2461, House Bill 2727, House Bill 2751, House Bill 2962, House Bill 3125, House Bill 3175, House Bill 3289, House Bill 3391, House Bill 3438, House Bill 3608, and House Bill 3744; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 1502, House Bill 2359, House Bill 2362, House Bill 2675, and House Bill 3388. Representative Jiménez, Chairperson from the Committee on Housing reports the following committee action

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taken on March 19, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1429, House Bill 3269, House Bill 3526, and House Bill 3616; and... and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 3564 and House Bill 3566."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Tipsword, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Tipsword: "I would like to call everyone's attention to the Speaker's Gallery. I have the honor of introducing a group of boys who were recently crowned the IESA state champions. The Normal Metcalf 7th grade boys basketball team enjoyed a magical run this season, culminating in a 45-41 victory over Stewardson-Strasburg to claim the IESA 2A state title. The state tournament was held last month at Macon Meridian High School. The Metcalf Wildcats finished their season 22 and 4, defeating Mossville 46-27 and previously undefeated Riverdale Washington 28-19 to advance to that championship game. Congratulations to this outstanding staff and team for your commitment, dedication, and winning the state championship. Congratulations."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Congratulations, team. Representative Moylan, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Moylan: "It's on."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please proceed."

Moylan: "Today, I am proud to announce we have two special pages. Charlotte Sullivan is a sixth grader at Mary, Seat of Wisdom

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in Park Ridge. She loves volleyball. Honora Heffernan is a sixth grader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview. Her basketball team recently made it to the championship game. These girls are cousins and the oldest of three children in their family. Their grandparents are Dru and Dave Sullivan, who are in the gallery. Hey, guys. And they're with their daughters, Sharon (sic-Shannon) and Erin. Let's have a great big round of welcoming to our friends. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Canty, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Canty: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Canty: "I rise today to address the immediate threat to our public safety posed by President Trump's continued abuses of the presidential pardon power, specifically his repeated release of dangerous criminals. As if granting clemency to January 6 insurrectionists who stormed the Capitol and were responsible for the death of a member of law enforcement wasn't enough, he has used his presidential power to let anti-choice extremists, convicted of harassing and abusing women, walk free. His actions, Trump's actions, send an unquestionable message to people out there who are eager to hurt others that they won't have to pay for their crimes. And that includes people right here in Illinois because this isn't just about the safety of women who some are so willing to write off. This is about entire communities. Communities like Danville, where a women's health center was the target of an arson attempt just last year; or the Planned Parenthood in Peoria County that was attacked in 2022; or the women's clinic in

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Champaign County that was attacked in 2017. Ill-considered, ill-informed whims of a vengeful bully are now the foundation of American policy, so let's get it straight. To those who claim to be tough on crime, this president doesn't care about law and order. He cares about preserving his popularity with violent radicals. To those who preach about protecting women, and we hear it every day in this chamber, this president defends extremists who attack women just for seeking health care, and it should stop. Thank you."

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

Blair-Sherlock: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Blair-Sherlock: "Well, I'd like to welcome ABATE of Illinois to the Capitol today. They have been standing up for motorcyclists and off-road riders in Illinois since 1987. This is their lobby day, and they're here to advocate for better rider education, among other issues. And don't forget their reception is tonight at Floyd's starting at 5:30, and it's always a blast. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you. Welcome to the Capitol. Leader Hammond, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hammond: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Leader."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you. Today, I'd like to welcome not only a constituent, but a very dear friend of mine on the House floor. Colin Randolph is here joining us today. Colin lives in Havana, but he works in Fulton County at the Fulton County Rehabilitation Center. And something that should not be

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overlooked is Colin is an advocate for the DD community, and he has taken an extensive 9-week course in order to achieve that accreditation. And I just want to thank him for joining me today and for all he does for the disabled community. Thank you, Colin."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Colin, and welcome to the Capitol. It's our pleasure to have you. Leader Buckner, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Buckner: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Leader."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to welcome to the floor and to the Capitol my page for the day, Mr. Mikie Cory. Mikie is the son of Tommy and Melissa Cory. He just turned 11 years old on February 27. He's a straight-A student, with his lowest grade being at 95%. He's active in PORTA Pipeline, which is the television at his school. He participates in swimming and running. And dig this, y'all. He wants to go to the University of Illinois, the greatest university in the world, to major in engineering. He has his orange and blue on today. His mom is the director of special education at the Department of Juvenile Justice, and his dad, Tommy, is the assistant fiscal director for the Speaker's Office. Welcome to Springfield, Mikie."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Keep those grades up, young man. Representative Halbrook, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

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Halbrook: "Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, a... a remarkable event took place yesterday afternoon. Just after 5 p.m., American astronauts Wilmore and Williams, who had been stranded in space for nine months, finally returned to... safely to Earth. Their mission to the International Space Station was only supposed to last a few days, but delays left them stuck in orbit far longer than planned. The rescue is happening because of one man, Elon Musk. It was his SpaceX operation that built and launched the spacecraft that successfully arrived at the station on Sunday and has just brought them home safely yesterday afternoon. In a public video message, the astronauts personally thanked both Musk and President Trump for their rescue. Reports indicate that Musk had offered to send the spacecraft months earlier. However, the Biden administration had refused. But why? Because they were more concerned about the optics of a win for Trump in the middle of the 2024 campaign than the safety of American astronauts. The Democrats, it seemed, were willing to sacrifice lives rather than risk giving Trump any political advantage. And after a Musk spacecraft was on its way back to Earth and set to land, what were the Illinois Democrats doing? Well, in DuPage County, they were staging a protest outside a Tesla dealership in Lisle on the same day Musk's company is literally saving lives. They claimed they were standing up against an unelected billionaire, but what they are protesting is Musk's plan to rein in wasteful government spending. And the irony of it all, Tesla is the most successful electrical vehicle company in the world. The Lisle dealership is a thriving business that creates jobs and

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generates significant sales tax revenue. Protesting Tesla while claiming to champion green energy proves that their so-called environmental agenda was never more than just talking about the environment. It's just another political talking point. It's no wonder support for the Democrat Party has plummeted. According to a recent NBC poll, only 27% of registered voters stand with them. In closing, keep it up, Illinois Democrats. The more the American people see your radical, hypocritical, nonsensical agenda, the closer we get to saving the republic. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Vella: "I rise today to honor Saint Joseph and the celebration around his day by Italian Americans across the country. For those who don't know, St. Joseph was the husband and... of the Virgin Mary and the legal father of Jesus. The tradition of St. Joseph's Altar dates back to medieval Sicily during a time of sever famine. The people of Sicily, desperate and starving, prayed to Saint Joseph, the patron saint of workers and the protector of families, to end their suffering. In response to their prayers, the famine lifted. And as a sign of gratitude, they began to celebrate and collaborate altars in Saint Joseph's honor. Those altars were adorned with food, flowers, and sacred symbols meant to share God's bounty with the others and honor the saint who had interceded on their behalf. When Italian immigrants came to the United States, they brought this tradition with them and it quickly became

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a cherished practice in Italian American communities. The altar is often set up in homes and churches and community halls filled with beautiful displays of food, such as breads, pastries, vegetables, and fruits. The foods displayed in the altar are not just meant for decoration, but to share with family, friends, and anyone who comes and anyone who's in need. For Italian Americans, this tradition serves as a bridge between the old world and the new. It connects us to our roots. In a way, it keeps the spirit of our ancestors alive to remember the struggles they face and to honor the strength they exhibit in creating new lives in a foreign land. Today, on your desks, you have a symbol of these altars. You have a bag of biscotti. These bags, these cookies were made by hand by one of our Members. Natalie Manley spent six hours on Monday making these for you. I'm sorry, Sunday. I'm sorry, on Sunday, a holy day, she spent six hours making these for you. Now, one of the great traditions of Italian American community is guilt. You should feel guilty when you're eating these, that you be happy as you go to say thank you to Natalie. So, on behalf of Natalie and myself and my family and the whole Italian American Caucus, I'm going to wish you all a happy St. Joseph's Day, and may your families enjoy the happiness that they all deserve. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. Thank you, Representative Manley. We'll now proceed to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading. At the top of page 8, we'll begin with House Bill 2456, Representative Croke. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2456, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2459, Representative Manley. Representative Manley, House Bill 2459. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2459, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2493, Representative Grasse. Representative Grasse, House Bill 2493. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2493, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2506, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. House Bill 2532, Leader Evans. Leader Evans, House Bill 2532. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2532, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2537, Representative Mussman. Representative Mussman on House Bill 2537. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2537, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2539, Leader West. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2539, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Representative Bunting, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Bunting: "This is a very humbling moment for me today. It's with great pride that I want to introduce probably the two most influential constituents of the 106th District, my mom and dad, Lee and Marie Bunting, standing behind me today in the gallery. They are standing behind today in the gallery like they have for 48 years, standing behind me with everything that I tried to do. I learned a lot from my mom and dad. It's not what they taught me, I watched them live their lives. My mom and dad, for four decades, 40 years, have advocated for the importance of the soil and water conservation districts. Myself and my four siblings, my oldest sister, who is here today joining them, watched mom and dad. They taught us the importance to get involved. They taught us the importance to find a passion and go for it 110%. This is also Women's History Month. My two grandmothers, my mother, and my sister

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are extremely important in our lives. We would not be here today if it wasn't for their dedication, their love, and their need to push us forward. Thank you, mom and dad, for what you've done, for what you've taught us, for what you've showed us. We live by doing, and we live through you. Please join me in giving mom and dad, Lee and Marie Bunting, and my sister, Laurie, a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. Welcome to the Capitol, Mr. and Mrs. Bunting. Representative Mason, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Mason: "Thank you so much. Ladies and gentlemen of the gallery, I have a very special guest to introduce to you. My police chief from Zion is here, Chief Eric Barden, standing up back there in the corner. Chief Barden has been with the Zion Police Department for 23 years. He's been chief for the last four years. He sits on the training board, the Lake County chiefs, and state chiefs' associations, and he goes above and beyond for our community, and he truly helps make it a better place. I am so grateful to him, and I am thrilled to welcome him on his first visit to Springfield. Please join me."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. Chief, welcome to the Capitol. Proceeding to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading, House Bill 2545, Representative Guzzardi. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2545, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was

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adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2562, Representative Costa Howard. House Bill 2562. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2562, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2572, Representative Schweizer. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2572, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2602, Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart on House Bill 2602. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2602, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2667, Leader Spain. House Bill 2667, Leader Spain. Out of the record. Proceeding to page 10 of the calendar, House Bill 2726, Representative Moeller. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 2728, Representative LaPointe. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2728, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2754, Representative Grasse. Representative Grasse. Representative Grasse on House Bill 2754. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2754, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2857, on page 11 of the calendar, Representative Andrade. Out of the record. House Bill 2874, Representative Deuter. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2874, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Moving back, House Bill 2857, Representative Andrade. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2857, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2924, Representative Morgan. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2924, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Moving to page 12 of the calendar, House Bill 2955, Representative Rashid. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 2983, Representative Vella. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 2986, Representative Blair-Sherlock. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2986, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 3000, Representative Hammond. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3000, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 3023, Representative Croke. Representative Croke. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3023, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Moving to page 13 of the calendar, House Bill 3098, Representative Olickal. Representative Olickal on House Bill 3098. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 3144, on page 14 of the calendar, Representative Delgado. Leader Delgado. Leader Delgado. Out of the record. Returning to page 2 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, House Bill 1077, Representative Didech. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Moving to page 3 of the calendar, House Bill 1225, Representative Slaughter. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 1312, Representative Hirschauer. Representative Hirschauer on House Bill 1312. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 1358, Representative Chung. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1358, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1

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was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 1373, Representative Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1373, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. Proceeding to page 4 of the calendar, House Bill 1538, Representative Chung. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1538, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 1555, Representative LaPointe. Representative LaPointe on House Bill 1555. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1555, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Returning to page 3 of the calendar, House Bill 1312, Representative Hirschauer. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1312, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Returning to page 4 of the calendar, House Bill 1577, Representative Huynh. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1577, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 1630, Representative Johnson. Clerk, please the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1630, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 1711, Representative Didech. Didech on House Bill 1711. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Moving to page 5 of the calendar, House Bill 1838, Representative Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1838, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 1842, Representative Barbara Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1842, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. Moving to page 6 of the calendar, House Bill 1938, Representative Sheehan. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1938, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Moving to page 7 of the calendar, House Bill 2350, Representative Johnson. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2350, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2386, Representative Katz Muhl. Representative Katz Muhl on House Bill 2386. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2386, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2391, Representative Katz Muhl. Representative Katz Muhl on House Bill 2391. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2391, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. House Bill 2394, Representative Benton. Representative Benton. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 2437, Representative Costa Howard. Representative Costa Howard on House Bill 2437. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Moving to page 14 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3144, Leader Delgado. Leader Delgado on House Bill 3144. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3144, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Leader Mah, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Leader."

Mah: "Thank you. This is for the purposes of an announcement. I wanted to alert colleagues that tonight at the Legacy Theatre in Springfield, which is just four blocks south of the Capitol, or four blocks away from the Capitol, there will be a special performance of a play called 'Searching for Justice.' It's a play by the Mud Theatre Project. And the reason this is a special performance is that it is a unique and rare opportunity to see the performance of this play, which was developed, written, and performed by individuals who are directly impacted by incarceration. So, I have the flier here if you would like to take a picture and register through the QR code. It is a free performance tonight and everyone is welcome. Thank you very much."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Leader. Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, sir."

McLaughlin: "Thank you. It was so great this morning. I don't know if you guys are up early to see thousands of Illinois families lined up outside and inside the Capitol. So many of these people and their well-behaved children really realize what the true role government is, and that is to stay out of their lives. These legislative jobs, which is a secret we don't really want the public to know, are supposed to be part

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time. But we've got Democrats working full time to destroy parental rights. Today, someone asked me in the rotund, regarding this awful homeschool bill, 'Is there anything that Democrats won't do?' And I went back to my office, and I had to think about it. And I thought, well, let's see. They won't support parental rights. They won't support bipartisan Invest in Kids Act, which provides choice for schooling for underprivileged kids. They won't protect or believe... they won't believe biological girls and biological women are uncomfortable and feel unsafe in locker rooms. They won't lock up or hold criminals accountable. They won't demand, and this one's important as we come to budget season, zero sum budgeting or spending restrictions. And they won't protect taxpayers, businesses, and families. And today, many of you wouldn't look thousands of these families in the eye as you scurried through the tunnel over to the Stratton Building or hid in elevators not to encounter these Americans. What Democrats will do is propose supporting and legalizing prostitution. They will provide age inappropriate or sexualized materials in fourth grade libraries or the governor will keep your money. They'll continue to spend on failing public schools when, in the last 20 years, we haven't been able to surpass a 40% proficiency rating. And so, what do we do for all that? We smack these families in the face who have removed their children from the Illinois industrial education complex, or as I like to call it, a taxpayer job..."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative, your time has expired."

McLaughlin: "Excuse me, sir."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Your time has expired. Please wrap up your point, Representative."

McLaughlin: "I've got one more paragraph. Thank you, sir. As I call it, an adult jobs and pension program, not focused on our children's outcomes. To the thousands here today, please keep teaching your children actual engineering, not social engineering; keep teaching faith and respect for others; keep teaching actual history, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation that the gentleman up here on our right so bravely put forward in this state and in the country, 'The Federalist Papers.' And my final thing, Mr. Speaker, the actual history of our great country is not complete. We are constantly striving to become a more perfect union for all freedom-loving citizens in this state. Please continue to educate your children in the safety and security of your homes, which is your right, and do not allow any legislature to take that away from you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Scherer: "As a teacher in a public school for 35 years, I'm really having to take a deep breath over that, so I'm just going to limit my comment today to one thing. I have had DCFS workers come to me and say, 'Please pass the homeschool bill, if for no other reason than to save lives. I passed a bill a few years ago, the Ta'Naja Law, for a girl who was murdered by her mother and stepfather, sleeping in a freezing room with no food, no water, no heat. If we would've had the

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homeschooling law in place, many of these lives could be saved. And what my workers told me was, 'There's no one holding anything accountable if they never have to report.' Now, I need to be clear. There are many homeschool families that are over the top magnificent. And if that's the case, you just say you're homeschooling, end of story. The problem is the hundreds of thousands of neglected children that are left to die while their parents say that they're homeschooling 'em. And the most recent call I got said, 'I just went to a house with over 10 children, magots everywhere. The parents say they're homeschooling, and they're not doing a thing but letting these children die, and they want no oversight.' Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Chung, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Chung: "Good to see you up there too, by the way. I just wanted to... today, I guess, we're talking a lot about education. This morning, a lot of teachers and educators throughout the state had a... participated in walk-ins, where they sort of gathered and walked into schools together, including all the schools in Bloomington District 87, which my kids both attend, and McLean County Unit 5. And educators were gathering before the school and walking in together to show their solidary and support for public education and to remind students and families that they're going to stand together to support... to protect our students, even as we face attacks on public education and cuts to the Department of Education, which will

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harm our students with highest needs the most. And all students deserve to learn in safe, adequately funded... fully funded, adequately resourced, and fully staffed classrooms in schools. And so, I just wanted to share our support here for our educators today. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Will Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition? Representative Will Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate you telling me to stand up and talk. Very kind of you. Ladies and gentlemen, while we understand that this is Women's History Month, and I think you'll hear something more specific from my colleague from the other side of the aisle, I would like to take this opportunity to ask all the young ladies in the Speaker's Gallery to please stand. Those young ladies represent... are here at a one-day event hosted by the Paul Simon Institute... Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and these students are here in Springfield to hear from legislators, public sector leaders, and community advocates. It's a chance for them to gain inspiration, build connections, and explore future opportunities in service. We all have heard of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Maybe some others of this chamber, including myself, have had the opportunity to speak to students, traveled to Carbondale to speak to students in the institute, and we appreciate the work of the Paul Simon Institute who, among their leaders, is Dr. Linda Renee Baker, who may be up there somewhere. There she is. Oh, there she is. Dr. Linda Renee Baker, if you have

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not had a chance to speak to her, you certainly should. But these young ladies, as we often say, represent our future. I certainly hope that as you look on this House floor, based on where you live, that you are looking at these as possible opportunities for each of you. We often talk about cultivating the next generation of leaders. Ladies and gentlemen, in front of us is the next generation of leaders. And whether they run for office to take any of these actual seats or working on staff... because I'll tell you that I certainly couldn't be the legislator I am without the staff that supports us down here in Springfield, that we need those... those brains, those minds, that intelligent to come down here to help us to shape and to form public policy here in the State of Illinois. There is a resolution that I will introduce, and I'm sure we will adopt, that acknowledges, obviously, the program itself, and we'll make sure that everyone's name is included in that resolution and that each of you get a copy of it. Because we want that to at least represent a physical presence... a physical piece of your presence here today. But, ladies and gentlemen, again, as I stated, these ladies from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute that are here today to talk to you. Maybe you've had a chance to see some of them already and meet them, but as I said earlier, this is the future generation of leaders here in the State of Illinois. And please, before the others speak, please, ladies and gentlemen, give them a great round of applause."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol, leaders. Thank you very much for being here. Leader Windhorst, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to join in welcoming the students from SIU here for Women's Civic Day. I'm a proud SIU alum, so it's great to see so many students here. This is a great program designed to develop our next generation of young leaders, and I'm grateful that you're here, and I want to welcome you to Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Leader. Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Mussman, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mussman: "Personal privilege. There we go."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Mussman: "Thank you. Today, I rise to recognize Margaret Sanger this Women's History Month, a female scientist whose contributions changed the course of modern medicine. As the world searched desperately for lifesaving treatments during World War II, Sanger was part of a team that advanced the ability to mass produce penicillin, a breakthrough that turned a once rare antibiotic into a tool that would save millions of lives. And not long after, Margaret played a critical role in developing the first effective polio vaccine, helping to eliminate a disease that had gripped families with fear for generations. Margaret Sanger may not be in textbooks, but her work lives on in every routine antibiotic prescription and every polio-free generation. This Women's History Month, let's honor Margaret and the many women whose contributions have shaped our world, even if their stories are not always widely told. Thank you, everyone."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. Leader Lilly, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Leader."

Lilly: "I, too, rise in recognition of Women's History Month and just to share a little fact and recognize three women. Since 19... excuse me, since 1891, 40 African American, Black American women have served in the Illinois Legislative General Assembly. On today, I would like to recognize three of those wonderful woman who have made a difference here in the State of Illinois. These three women paved the way. These three women, for every reason, have done the work for the people of Illinois. They have fought the thickest fight, and they have made changes here in the State of Illinois. The three women that I'd like to recognize is State Representative Karen Yarbrough, State Representative Esther Golar, and former Leader Mary Flowers. I'd like to start with Representative Mary Flowers. To say the least, Mary Flowers dedicated and uplifting the people of Illinois would be an understatement. She was a long-time or the longest-serving Black American legislator, along with Barbara Flynn Currie and Lottie Holman O'Neill. During her time, with so many people overlooking, she... she took the time to address those who are in need and underserved. Mary Flowers addressed discrimination in our justice system while supporting thinking solutions for equitable change. She backed up improvement in health care and education. She made sure DCFS and other state agencies are looking out for their communities. She challenged the disparities in health care and ensured the outcome for... better outcome for infants, women, and women... infants, children, and women. And we can't forget the many conversation around

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transactional tax and Medicare for All. A true mover and shaker she was. Since 1985, she shielded and protected our communities who were not being seen. Yes, she did inspire many. I'd like to now address the fantastic, wonderful woman, State Representative Esther Golar, a fearless leader who stood firm on communities fighting for justice. She would often stand to her feet and sing forward the issues that affected the most vulnerable populations here in the State of Illinois. She inspired so many. Her inspiration to fight for the Black American family who were, and still are, dealing with firsthand struggles in life. She began to address those daily. Rep. Golar did not only come to sing, but she also went forth on the battleground with fierce advocates for those that did not have the tools and resources to advocate for themselves. She's fought with legislation that helped people with disabilities and vulnerable students. She worked relentlessly for striving, safe communities and supporting better schools. She worked to improve access to health care, and she, many times, made sure that we had every opportunity to advance equal treatment and protections for the LGBTQ communities here in Illinois. Rep. Golar, she believed that everyone, no matter the background, income, or color, deserved a fair share in life and never hesitated to make her mission known. Rep. Golar put her life on the line to protect our child care system. Nobody was going to stop her... excuse me, was going to stop her because she wanted to make sure she voted on legislation that prevented reduction of child care for the most vulnerable population. She had one on... she had one wheel, and it's to uphold the commitment that she made to

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her community, even though she felt weak and sick herself. Rep. Golar meant a lot to me and many others, and she is missed, but her work continues on. The next, and last but not least, I'd like to stand to speak to the dynamic State Representative Cook, County first Black female of the clerk, Clerk Karen Yarbrough. She was a trailblazer here in Illinois politics. During her time as a State Rep., she fought tirelessly for veterans, homeowners, and civil rights. Some of her accomplishment included making Illinois the 22nd state to ban indoor smoking, securing money for transformative projects across the region she served. We know it as Smoke Free Illinois. Perhaps one of the biggest accomplishment of her champion of legislation is to ban the death penalty in Illinois in 2011, making us, meaning the State of Illinois, the 16th state to do so. Further, we've always known that the unjust application of the death... death penalty disproportionately affected Black Americans. While we make up 13% of the population, we make up more than half of the exonerations. And because of Representative Yarbrough, that practice have ended. And it led to criminal justice reform here in Springfield as well, with the historic SAFE-T Act and the Reimagine Public Safety Act. Representative Karen Yarbrough made a difference in many lives, and she showed that commitment day in and day out. And even though she's not with us today, her work lives on. All three of these women have had a powerful legacy and impact on our state and in this chambers where they did their work. And I, like many, stand to say thank you and recognize the footsteps that they have made, yet big, we will walk forward and do the work of

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the people of Illinois. Let us all rejoice and be honor for their work and commitment to service. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you very much, Leader Lilly. Representative Severin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Severin: "Is this your first time in the well?"

Speaker Guzzardi: "It is, Representative."

Severin: "On behalf of Lou Lang, are you nervous?"

Speaker Guzzardi: "Very much so, Representative."

Severin: "Well, you... I don't want to say you look good up there 'cause then I have to pray again and ask the Lord to forgive me, but I just wanted to recognize you, you being in the first time in the well."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. You look good as well. Leader Windhorst, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Today, in honor of Women's History Month, I rise to honor the remarkable contributions of the Weaver sisters of Metropolis, Illinois, my hometown in Massac County. Betty Weaver Foss, Jean Weaver, and Joanne Weaver are three trailblazing women who made their mark on the baseball diamond and also helped pave the way for generations of female athletes to follow. Betty, Jean, and Joanne were standout players of the Fort Wayne Daisies in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Betty, whose nickname was

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'Fossey,' was Rookie of the Year in 1950 and Player of the Year in 1952. She was the league's all-time leader in doubles, and the single-season record holder for hits, doubles and triples. Jean's best season came in 1953 when she posted a 7-1 pitching record with a .313 batting average as a hitter. Joanne, whose nickname was 'Joltin' Jo,' won three consecutive batting titles. In 1954, she set the league single-season record for batting average, home runs, and stolen bases, winning the Player of the Year award. The Weaver sisters' incredible talent, determination, and passion for the game occurred during a time when opportunities for women in sports were few and far between. Their dedication to excellence and love for the game earned them a lasting place in the history of women's professional baseball. The legacy of the Weaver sisters lives on, in part, through the beloved movie 'A League of Their Own,' which drew inspiration from the pioneering women of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Their story reminds us that the fight for equality is often won, not just by those in the spotlight, but by the countless women whose perseverance and courage helped change the course of history. Today, during Women's History Month, we celebrate Betty, Jean, and Joanne Weaver, not only for their athletic achievements, but for the doors they opened for women everywhere. The contributions made by the Weaver sisters remind us that, indeed, there is no crying in baseball. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Will Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Davis, W.: "Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly, we know there... there are a lot folks lobbying here in Springfield today. One of the issues being lobbied are bills to try to address and to help provide avenues for those folks that are returning citizens back to our communities to give them a better opportunity and chance to... to have a productive life as citizens. Much of that work is being done... done by the Workers Center for Racial Justice. But I'm very proud to have two very important young ladies that are visiting for the Capitol... the Capitol today to work on that work. The first is Rashanah Baldwin, if she could please stand. She's here today working with those individuals. And the second one to... behind me to my left is Keisha Lacey as well. I want to welcome them to Springfield, and thank you for your work to support returning citizens. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Meier, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Meier: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Meier: "I'd just like to take a minute to thank all the first responders, our policemen, Illinois Emergency Management, our county emergency managements, and the many neighbors and friends that turned out this Friday night, Saturday morning to help with the damage in the Summerfield-Wesclin school area and also in northern O'Fallon, where we did have F2 tornadoes go through. Thankfully, no lives were lost in these two tornadoes in my district, but a lot of property and homes were damaged, some destroyed, and some livestock lost. So,

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many volunteers came out there, and we appreciate everything that they all did. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. We wish a speedy recovery to the folks in your community. Representative Blair-Sherlock, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. Today, in the Speaker's Gallery, we have the College Board hosting students from around the state for College Board AP Day. We... they brought participants from one of my local schools, Addison Trail High School, which is in my district. But also, there are representatives from the Pekin High School, which is Representative Weaver's district; Proviso Math and Science Academy, which is Speaker Welch's district; Lockport High School, which is Rep. Avelar; and St. Ignatius College Prep, which is Rep. Morris' district. The schools are here to highlight the importance of supporting AP programs in all the districts in Illinois and highlight how getting credit through AP helps support our children to get an economical college education. I'd like to give a big Springfield welcome to the AP students that have come here to see us today. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Swanson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Swanson: "We've had a lot of great groups here today, but I want to recognize a group that stands out tall. It's our veterans. Many of our veteran groups are here. The VFW is here. Members

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of the American Legion are here, AMVETS, Veterans Assistance Commission, and many of the auxiliaries. And for those of you who don't know who the auxiliaries are, in most cases, that's that spouse who is here supporting their loved one. So, with that, I... I see we have some veterans over in the left side here, if you'd like to stand up to be recognized. If we have any other veterans up in the gallery, please stand up to be recognized. I see the commander of the VFW's up there. Commander, thank you for being here. God bless you all."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative, and thank you all for your service. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Bolin: "At 2 p.m. today, the following committees will meet: Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools will meet in Room 115; Gun Violence Prevention will meet in Room 118; Immigration & Human Rights will meet in Room 122B; Labor and... Labor & Commerce will meet in Room 114; and State Government Administration will meet in Room C-1. At 4 p.m., Appropriations-General Services Committee will meet in Room D-1; Appropriations-Public Safety & Infrastructure Committee will meet in Room C-1; Gaming Committee will meet in Room 413; Higher Education Committee will meet in Room 122; Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges will meet in Room 114; and Prescription Drug Affordability & Accessibility will meet in Room 118."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 198, offered by Representative Deuter. And House Resolution 199, offered by Representative Buckner."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, March 20, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of resolutions. House Resolution 192, offered by Representative Andrade; House Resolution 193, offered by Representative Andrade; House Resolution 194, offered by Representative Andrade; House Resolution 195, offered by Representative Mason; House Resolution 197, offered by Representative Huynh; and House Joint Resolution 23, offered by Representative Gill, are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4021, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4022, offered by... offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4023, offered by Representative Buckner, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4024, offered by Representative Will Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4025, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4026, offered by Representative Olickal, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4027, offered by Representative Weber, a Bill for an Act

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concerning education. House Bill 4028, offered by Representative Weber, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."