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

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, you are the pillar of strength and shield. You are our shepherd who internally guides us. As we start Session today, be with us and guide our thoughts and actions. With your help, good things and new beginnings will happen to this state. Father, we have faced many challenges in our state, some with impossible odds and others that were simply unbelievable. But still, throughout both of them, you come through for us. Lord, finally, we stand before you today because we hope for a better future. We pray that our investments, plans, and relationships will come to fruition. Walking in your light has taught us, by your power, we will persevere and win. Thank you for this Session and you deserve nothing less than eternal glory. These things we pray, Amen."

Speaker Manley: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Grant."

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

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Gabel: "Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Cassidy, Guerrero-Cuellar, and Jones are excused today."

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

Keicher: "Madam Speaker, we have no excused absences today. All Republicans are here and ready to work."

Speaker Manley: "Terrific. Speaker... is all... have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 103rd... 113 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Gonzalez, Chairperson of Committee on Economic Opportunity & Equity reports the following Committee action on March 8, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 3421, House Bill 3606, House Bill 3702, House Bill 3715, House Bill 3720, House Bill 3894; and do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 3299. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools reports the following Committee action taken on March 8, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1056, House Bill 2235, House Bill 2287, House Bill 2366, House Bill 2442, House Bill 2469, House Bill 3052, House Bill 3071, House Bill 3116, House Bill 3157, House Bill 3402, House Bill 3428, House Bill 3442, House Bill 3523, House Bill 3524, House Bill 3559, House Bill 3570, House Bill 3590, House Bill 3600; also do pass Short Debate is House Bill 3613, House Bill 3636, House Bill 3690, House Bill 3776, House Bill 3798, House Bill 3801, House Bill 3814, House Bill 3844, House Bill 3907, House Bill 3909; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 1124,

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House Bill 3500, House Bill 3713; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2156. Representative Walker, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action March 8, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1367, House Bill 2288, House Bill 2297, House Bill 2531, House Bill 2621, House Bill 2840, House Bill 2841, House Bill 2878, House Bill 2968, House Bill 3218, House Bill 3817, House Bill 3856, House Bill 3857, House Bill 3902; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 1166, 1409... House Bill 1409, House Bill 2789; also do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 3413, House Bill 3551, House Bill 3768, House Bill 3811, House Bill 3903, House Bill 3927; and recommends be adopted as amended is House Resolution 23. Representative Evans, Chairperson with the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action March 8, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1039, House Bill 1120, House Bill 1604, House Bill 1612, House Bill 2296, House Bill 2394, House Bill 2395, House Bill 2473, House Bill 2493, House Bill 2547, House Bill 2784, House Bill 3114, House Bill 3129, House Bill 3131, House Bill 3206, House Bill 3227, House Bill 3295, House Bill 3301, House Bill 3315, House Bill 3351, House Bill 3370, House Bill 3396, House Bill 3400, House Bill 3491, House Bill 3561, House Bill 3744, House Bill 3792, House Bill 3852; and do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 1122, House Bill 1615, House Bill 2145, House Bill 3516, House Bill 3584, and House Bill 3733. Representative Delgado, Chairperson from the Committee on Immigration & Human Rights reports the following committee action March 8, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1020, House Bill

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2261, House Bill 2818, House Bill 3135, House Bill 3222, House Bill 3790. Representative Jawaharial Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Prescription Drug Affordability reports the following committee action March 8, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 3639, House Bill 3957; and do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 2189. Representative Katie Stuart, Chairperson with the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action March 8, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1097, House Bill 2380, House Bill 2823, House Bill 2898, House Bill 3498, House Bill 3648, House Bill 3740, House Bill 3759, House Bill 3760, House Bill 3818; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 3522. Representative Ford, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Higher Education reports the following committee action... correction, March 9, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2528; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 2909. Representative Ammons, Chairperson from the Committee on Small Business, Tech Innovation reports the following committee action taken on March 9, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2816, House Bill 3017, and House Bill 3303. Representative Stava-Murray, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Health reports the following committee action March 9, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1526, House Bill 1540, House Bill 2039, House Bill 3710, House Bill 3788; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 3, House Bill 3093, House Bill 3203; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1121. The Representative from the... the Chairperson from the Committee on Police & Fire reports the following committee action taken on March 9, 2023:

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do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1595, House Bill 1626, House Bill 2372, House Bill 2475, House Bill 2542, House Bill 2722, House Bill 3115, House Bill 3249, House Bill 3405, House Bill 3588, House Bill 3620, House Bill 3751, House Bill 3769; and do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 2412. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action March 9, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1248, House Bill 2352, House Bill 2390, House Bill 2870, House Bill 3161, House Bill 3162, House Bill 3342, House Bill 3343, House Bill 3646, and House Bill 3765. Representative Tarver, Chairperson with the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on March 9, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1153, House Bill 1283, House Bill 2332, House Bill 3337, House Bill 3424, House Bill 3642; and do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 1067 and House Bill 2040. Representative Robinson, Chairperson from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & Information Technology reports the following committee action on March 9, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2130 and House Bill 3563. Representative LaPointe, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the following committee action March 9, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2838, House Bill 2847, House Bill 2962, House Bill 3230, House Bill 3819, House Bill 3861... correction, House Bill 3863; and do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 2309. Representative Mason, Chairperson from the Committee on Child Care Accessibility & Early Childhood Education reports the following committee action March 9, 2023: do pass Short Debate

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is House Bill 2310, House Bill 2474, House Bill 3566; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2277. Representative Cassidy, Chairperson from the Committee on Restorative Justice reports the following committee action March 9, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1245, House Bill 3055, House Bill 3120, House Bill 3140, House Bill 3150, House Bill 3276, House Bill 3335, House Bill 3345, and House Bill 3755. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on March 9, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1571, House Bill 2624, House Bill 3553, and House Bill 3603. Representative Mussman, Chairperson with the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action March 9, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1482, House Bill 1561, House Bill 2486, House Bill 2724, House Bill 3643, House Bill 3752, House Bill 3822, House Bill 3924, House Bill 3932; and do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 2104 and House Bill 3425. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 125, offered by Representative LaPointe, is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Manley: "The Chair recognizes Leader Flowers for a point of personal privilege."

Flowers: "Thank you, Madam Chairman and Members of the Committee. Madam Speaker, thank you. This is a Resolution for a... a dear friend of mine and a former Legislator.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened to learn the death of former Illinois State

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Representative Ray Ewell, who passed away October 28, 2022;
and

WHEREAS, Ray Ewell, the second child of Whitney and Severine Ewell, was born in Chicago on December 29, 1928; and

WHEREAS, Ray Ewell excelled academically as an adolescent, attending Corpus Christi Elementary School and later graduating from Englewood High School in Chicago in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Following high school, Ray Ewell earned a Bachelor's of Arts Degree from the University of Illinois in 1949, and a master's degree in 1951, and a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Chicago in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Ray Ewell's commitment to service began with his military conscription into the U.S. Army, after concluding his military career with an honorable discharge, he re-established himself into the legal field, practicing law for 53 years and becoming a partner at the law office of Ewell, Graham, McCormick, Ross and Davidson; and

WHEREAS, After years of participating in the 17th Ward Regular Democratic Organization, Ray Ewell was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives and served the 29th District from 1967 to 1983; and

WHEREAS, At the height of the Civil Rights Movement in 1967, Ray Ewell, along with then State Representative Harold Washington, Representative Louis Caldwell, Representative Otis Collins, Kenny Hall, Senator Kenny Hall, and Calvin L. Smith and Senator Richard 'Dick' Newhouse and Senator Charles Chew, founded the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in office, Ray Ewell served in numerous leadership roles, such as chairman of the Illinois

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House Higher Education Committee, chairman of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, and chairman of the National Society of State Legislators; and

WHEREAS, While in office and following his retirement from the Illinois General Assembly, Ray Ewell was active... was an active member in numerous organizations, including the Federal Public Defender Program, the Cook County Bar Association, the NAACP, and the Washington Park Y.M.C.A., the Southern... the Southtime... Southtown Y.M.C.A, the Business Men's Association, and St. Carthage Grooming School for Boys, and Perry Avenue Block Club; and

WHEREAS, Ray Ewell was preceded in death by his first wife, Joyce; and

WHEREAS, Ray Ewell is survived by his wife, Marcia Ewell; his sons, David Raymond, Marc Whitney, Anthony Romain, Marcus Alleyne; his grandchildren, Marc, Kareim, Raymond, Kendall, Drew, daughters, Diana, Cameron, Ala; and a host of great-grandchildren, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of former Illinois State Representative Ray Ewell and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all that knew him and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Ray Ewell as an expression of our deepest sympathy. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I am very proud to say that in my lifetime I had the opportunity to hang out with Ray Ewell, to hang out with State Representative Harold Washington, then State Senator Harold Washington, then

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Congressman Harold Washington, and then the Mayor of the City of Chicago Harold Washington. It was my pleasure to know Louis Caldwell and his son, Otis Collins. It was my pleasure to serve with Kenny Hall, Calvin L. Smith, and it was truly my pleasure to serve and work along with Senator Richard H. Newhouse and my Senator Charles Chew. These were some great men and our society is better because they live and they made the ultimate sacrifice. And the same thing that they were doing down here back in the day, I promised to carry it on. And I just pray I'm doing half as much as they did in their entire lifetime. May they all rest in peace, and thank you very much for your indulgence. May we have a moment of silence, please?"

Speaker Manley: "We will take a moment of silence. Chair recognizes Representative Slaughter for a point of personal privilege."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, would like to honor and recognize Eugene Morice Barnes, who is former Legislator, former Black Caucus Member, also my... one of my predecessors. He's a State Representative in my current district. So, I, too, like Leader Flowers, would like to read a Resolution highlighting his life.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Eugene Morice Barnes, who passed away on November 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Barnes, the eighth of 11 children born to John and Nettie L. Barnes, was born in Chicago on July 24, 1931; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Barnes was a product of Chicago Public Schools and graduated from Wendell Phillips High School; and

WHEREAS, Following high school, Eugene Barnes joined the U.S. Air Force as a private, serving in France and Germany during the Korean Conflict; served our country, Ladies and Gentlemen, during his service, he achieved the rank of sergeant and earned a Certificate of Accounting from the U.S. Air Force Specialist School; and

WHEREAS, After returning home with an honorable discharge, Eugene Barnes started his professional career working for the Social Security Administration; this was followed by a stint with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and then a 14-year tenure with the Chicago Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Barnes was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives and served in the 29th District, now the 27th, from 1970 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, Joining a group of lawmakers who helped found the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus a few years prior to his arrival in Springfield, Eugene Barnes championed legislation that helped to create the Illinois State Lottery, wow, made Illinois the first state to provide funding for Sickle Cell Anemia, this guy was really active, and secured appropriations to finance the first buildings on the Chicago State University campus; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Eugene Barnes resigned his seat in the Illinois House when he was named the first Black chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority; he was later elected chairman of the American Public Transportation Association; and

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WHEREAS, During his four terms as a state legislator, Eugene Barnes' work on behalf of Illinois families earned him much recognition, including the Outstanding Legislator Award from the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS, While in office and following his retirement from the Illinois General Assembly, Eugene Barnes remained active in the community as a proud member in a number of organizations, including the Maple Park Homeowners Association, the NAACP, and the A. Phillip Randolph Association and as a life member of ATU Local 241 and Operation Breadbasket, now Operation PUSH; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Barnes was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Lei-Lani Roach and his grandchild, Eric Antwon; and

WHEREAS, Eugene M. Barnes is survived by his three children, Vikki L. Barnes-McKenzie, EuGina M. Barnes, and Craig D. Barnes, and his six grandchildren, Michael Dewayne Jr., Tiffany Danielle, Craig Dareen II, Timothy Jacob, Elijah Malachi, and LeiLani MyL; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Eugene Barnes as an expression of our deepest sympathies. Leader Flowers had mentioned it earlier, but, you know, when I think about Eugene Barnes, when I think about Ray Ewell, who his family also actually lives in my district...

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I don't know if you knew about that, Leader Flowers... we are really, literally, when you talk about the Black Caucus Members in the Chamber, we stand on the shoulders of giants. Members who put everything into making the sacrifice for the people of the State of Illinois. And so, we want to honor and just praise their contributions to what it means to be a Statesman and the history. Believe me, as a Black Caucus Member, when you become a Member, you better know your history. We do read and know what our Members have done in this great esteemed chapter. And so, if we could have just a moment of silence again for our former Legislator Eugene Barnes."

Speaker Manley: "A moment of silence. Thank you, Representative. Chair recognizes Leader McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. Today, I rise to recognize United States Attorney, from the Northern District, John Lausch. Yesterday, we adopted House Resolution 122 to honor his dedicated service. Mr. Lausch plans to resign at the end of this week after a challenging and important assignment. He was sworn in as the United States Attorney on November 22, 2017. And in his more than five years leading the Northern District, he led high profile investigations, battled violent crime, and prosecuted members of organized criminal street gangs and illegal gun offenders in Chicago and in Northern Illinois. With integrity and dedication, John Lausch earned bipartisan appreciation as he oversaw a key front in the battle to combat public corruption. Through his work, this Body has learned to better implement ethics reform, a true benefit to every Illinoisan. Please join me in thanking U.S.

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Attorney John Lausch for his work and his dedication to public service. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise for a moment of point of personal privilege in honor of Women's History Month. I rise today to celebrate Women's History Month and to recognize the contributions of pioneering LGBTQ activist and groundbreaking HIV patients' rights advocate Cecilia Chung. Born in Hong Kong in 1965, Cecilia Chung was assigned male at birth. However, in later years, often described feeling different and unsure how to express herself. In 1984, her family moved to Los Angeles, but Chung soon left to attend City College of San Francisco and later Golden Gate University. At age 22, despite opposition from her parents, she began her gender transition. Soon after, Chung lost her job, likely due to sentiment opposing her transition, and then lost her home. In the difficult years following, she also became HIV positive. Despite the extreme challenges of this time, she said she never regretted her decision, saying, 'It sounds painful, but it's actually more painful to not know who you are. I would rather be trying hard to survive than to look in the mirror and not see myself.' In 1995, following a harrowing attack in which she was stabbed and rushed to the emergency room, Chung reconciled with her mother at the hospital. She soon began to ramp up groundbreaking work as an advocate for transgender rights. Chung eventually became the first trans woman and first Asian person elected to chair the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Lesbian,

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Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Celebration. Her advocacy work rose to the national level in 2013 when President Obama appointed her to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. Chung served two terms on the council before retiring at the end of President Obama's time in office. Since then, she has spent her time as a high-profile advocate for various HIV and trans rights organizations, advancing the cause of equality for all people. At a time in which anti-Asian and anti-trans hate is tragically spreading in our country, it could not be more appropriate to celebrate this pioneer, who demonstrated honesty and tenacity throughout her life. Chung once said of her legacy, 'I want people to remember me as someone who really tried to experience unconditional love, not by demanding it, but by practicing it.' Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Thank you, Madam Chair. In honor of Women's History Month, I'd like to take a moment to recognize a former Member of this Body and the first woman in our state's history to serve as Lieutenant Governor, the late Corinne Wood. She was a mother, wife, lawmaker, lawyer, health care advocate, and ethics reform champion who made a positive impact on countless lives during her career. Lieutenant Governor Wood was born in Barrington, attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and later received her law degree at Loyola. And, in 1979, graduated and began the practice of law. In 1996, she was elected to this Body, where she sponsored many Bills and was often considered the hardest working Legislator in the General Assembly. Her hard work did not go unnoticed.

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Still serving in her first term, she was chosen to run for Lieutenant Governor. On January 11, 1999, Corinne Wood made history as she was sworn in as the first female Lieutenant Governor in the State of Illinois. In early 1997, unfortunately, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and began intensive treatment. It was her experience with cancer that led her to focus on women's health issues during her time in office. As Lieutenant Governor, she led the Women's Health Alliance Initiative to improve women's health and she launched a campaign to increase funding for the state's Breast Cancer Research Fund. Not coincidentally, contributions to that research, that fund, doubled in the campaign's very first year. She also served as chairman of the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, she served on the Illinois Rural Bond Bank, and the Rivers of Illinois Coordinating Council, and was also head of the Illinois Main Street Program. Additionally, she championed Scott's Law. Throughout her life, she encouraged and mentored young women to get involved in their communities. And after returning to private life, she continued to serve the public by getting involved in various health care organizations and served on the board.. board as the.. served as the Board of Directors for CHANGE Illinois, working for more ethical and efficient government and elections. Corinne courageously battled metastatic breast cancer for many years until she passed away in 2021. Yet she never let that define her, forging a legacy of public service that will long endure. Today, we are proud to remember the life of Lieutenant Governor Wood and her significant contributions to Illinois. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Niemerg: "With me up in the gallery I have a couple of constituents that are up here to visit Springfield, Robert Klingler and Christy Klingler. Could you stand? Are you guys back there? There you are. Welcome to Springfield, guys."

Speaker Manley: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolution. House Resolution 126, offered by Representative Ness."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "Adjournment Resolution. House Joint Resolution #24, offered by Representative Gabel.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Friday, March 10, 2023, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 14, 2023, and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, March 15, 2023, and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Thursday, March 16, 2023, and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 21, 2023, or to the

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call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 21, 2023, or to the call of the President."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Committee Announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting this afternoon. Meeting immediately is Appropriations-General Services in Room D-1, Judiciary - Criminal in Room 114, Insurance in Room 413. Meeting at 3:30 is Consumer Protection in Room 122B, State Government Administration in Room C-1, and Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools in Room 115. Meeting at 4:00 is Health Care Licenses in Room 114."

Speaker Manley: "And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until Friday, March 10, at a time to be determined. 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."