

STATE OF ILLINOIS
95th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

12th Legislative Day

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Clerk Mahoney: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and reading of House Bills. First Reading. House Bill 1232, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1233, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1234, offered by Representative Wait, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1235, offered by Representative Munson, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1236, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1237, offered by Representative Krause, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1238, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1239, offered by Representative Cole, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 1240, offered by Representative Cole, a Bill for an Act concerning... making appropriations. House Bill 1241, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1242, offered by Representative Cole, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1243, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1244, offered by Representative Meyer, a Bill for an Act concerning domestic violence. House Bill 1245, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1246, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning fire safety. House Bill 1247, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1248, offered by Representative

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Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1249, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1250, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1251, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1252, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1253, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1254, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1255, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1256, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1257, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 1258, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1259, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning community revitalization. House Bill 1260, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1261, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1262, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1263, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1264, offered by Representative Washington, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 1265, offered by Representative

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Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1266, offered by Representative Gordon, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1267, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 1268, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 1269, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1270, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1271, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1272, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1273, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1274, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 1275, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. And House Bill 1276, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Introduction and First Reading of Hou... Constitutional Amendments. Representative Lindner, offered the follow:

House Joint Resolution

Constitutional Amendment #15

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the

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adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 6 as follows:

ARTICLE IV
THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

- (a) A majority of the members elected to each house constitutes a quorum.
- (b) On the first day of the January session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall convene the House of Representatives to elect from its membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from its membership a President of the Senate as presiding officer. A person may not serve more than a total of 10 years in either or both of the offices of Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate; provided that service before the second Wednesday in January of 2010 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.
- (c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member of the numerically strongest political party other than the party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the case may be.
- (d) Each house shall determine the rules of its proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the

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members elected to that house. A member may be expelled only once for the same offense. Each house may punish by imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or contemptuous behavior. This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. Offered by Representative Lang, is:

House Joint Resolution

Constitutional Amendment #16

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 1 of Article X of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE X

EDUCATION

SECTION 1. GOAL - FREE SCHOOLS

A fundamental goal of the People of the State is the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capacities.

The State shall provide for an efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services. Education in public schools through the secondary level shall be free. There may be such other free education as the

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General Assembly provides by law. The State has the primary responsibility for financing the system of public education, except that beginning on the January 1 next occurring 3 years after this Constitutional Amendment takes effect, the State is solely responsible for financing the system of public education and property tax revenue may not be used to finance the system of public education except as otherwise provided in this paragraph. After this Constitutional Amendment takes effect, the General Assembly shall pass and the Governor shall approve a bill that implements a new funding plan for the system of public education, which plan shall take effect on the January 1 next occurring 3 years after this Constitutional Amendment takes effect. Under the plan, no school district may ever receive less from the State in any given school year than the school district received from all local, State, and federal sources for the school year during which this Constitutional Amendment takes effect. Under the plan, on the January 1 next occurring 3 years after this Constitutional Amendment takes effect, the property tax rate for a school district shall be 0%, which rate may be increased to raise additional funds for the school district if the rate increase is approved by referendum. This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."