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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. The Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper."

Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, we come before You today in sound body and mind praying that on this day You grant to us the grace to remember with love and reverence that we are to go forth in peace with courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Rendering to no one evil for evil, but help us to strengthen the fainthearted. Let us pray.. pray to support the weak and help the afflicted to honor all people loving and serving You in the same love and spirit and where You have loved us. This we ask in Your Son's name, Amen."

Lang: "We should be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative David Harris."

Harris, D. - 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."

Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I love this awesome day. And on this day the Republicans would like to report that Representative Sommer and Mulligan are excused today."

Lang: "Majority Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the excused absence of Representative Golar."

Lang: "Please take the roll, Mr. Clerk. 112 Members being 'present', the House is prepared to do the people's business. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 52, offered by Representative Kay. House Resolution 56, offered by Representative Dunkin. House Resolution 60, offered by Representative Biss. House Resolution 67, offered by Representative Reis. These Resolutions are automatically referred to the House Rules Committee."

Lang: "On page two of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, appears House Joint Resolution 10. The Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. This just provides for tomorrow's Joint Session and the Budget Address from the Governor. I'd appreciate your 'aye' votes."

Lang: "Those in favor shall vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Unes."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Lang: "State your point, Sir."

Unes: "I'd like to welcome some friends, some homeschoolers from back home, the Koch family. Nate Koch, Gabriel Koch, and Josiah Koch who are here on a field trip. We'd like to welcome them to Springfield."

Lang: "Thank you. Welcome to Springfield. On page two of the Calendar, under Motions in Writing, there appears House Bill 1189, Representative Yarbrough. Representative Yarbrough moves to table House Bill 1189. Is there leave? Seeing no objection, leave is granted, and House Bill 1189 is tabled. On page two of the Calendar appears House Bill

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187, Representative Pritchard. Representative Pritchard moves under House Rule 60b to table House Bill 187. Is there leave? Seeing no objection, leave is granted, and House Bill 187 is tabled."

Clerk Mahoney: "Attention Members. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Speaker's conference room. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Speaker's conference room."

Lang: "On page two of the Calendar, under Motions in Writing, is Senate Bill 1. Representative Currie moves, pursuant to Rule 25, to suspend the posting requirements for Senate Bill 1 in the Executive Committee. Is there leave? Is there leave? Seeing no objection, leave is granted, and the Motion prevails. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 48, offered by Representative Dugan. House Resolution 49, offered by Representative Cavaletto. House Resolution 50, offered by Representative May. House Resolution 51, offered by Representative Bost. House Resolution 53, offered by Representative Cross. House Resolution 54, offered by Representative Connelly. House Resolution 55, offered by Representative Connelly. House Resolution 57, offered by Representative Bradley. House Resolution 58, offered by Representative Cross. House Resolution 59, offered by Representative Farnham. House Resolution 61, offered by Representative Howard. House Resolution 62, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 63, offered by Representative Rose. House Resolution 64, offered by Representative Brown. House Resolution 65, offered by

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Representative D'Amico. House Resolution 66, offered by Representative Howard."

Lang: "Representative Curie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Riley."

Riley: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. In following with our tradition of presenting important individuals during this month, Black History month, I'd like to talk about, frankly, five or six people. As many of you may know, the 1960s in the City of Chicago was a time of uncertainty and upheaval in many cases. This little vignette is about five people, a matter of fact, really six who came together in the spirit of cooperation and education and compromise for the good of the city. Now many of you, depending on how old you are, remember that there was a large police scandal in the City of Chicago called the Summerdale scandal. And as a consequence of that a gentleman by the name of O. W. Wilson was brought in to head up the police department. O. W. Wilson was sort of a departure from other police chiefs in that he was a criminologist. And he had some very, very good ideas to effect... effective policing in the City of Chicago. Now, let's fast forward to June of 1964. The Voting Rights Act was being considered in Congress. And as you know from history that Act was being filibustered and just barely got through, but we really didn't know at that time. And O. W. Wilson called together a group of civil rights leaders to talk to his police staff and everyone

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over the rank of Lieutenant, about what the implications of that Act was, and about the civil rights struggle. And I have a copy of a piece of microfiche from June of 1964. I'd like to read part of it to you. The higher the command decision level, the more intensive the training. Moreover, the higher the command level the more emphasis shifts from the simple do's and don'ts to an explanation about what the struggle is all about. And it went on and talked about a human relations seminar that was had. I continue to read. At this seminar on the practical police level, the commanding officers who were involved in some previous struggles in the community participated in this epic hearing. On the very highest command level all exempt personnel, commanders, directors, and chiefs, were invited to hear five Chicago civil rights leader... leaders present their views. Now each one of these individuals we could be honoring separately, but they were all part of this... this meeting, Edwin C. 'Bill' Berry of the Urban League; Reverend Carl Fuqua from the NAACP; Sam Riley from Chicago CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality; Reverend Arthur Brazier from the Woodlawn Organization; and John McDermott of the Catholic Interracial Council. And in these discussions the top leaders discussed the aspirations of the civil rights movements and the implications of the Voting Rights Act being passed to the command structure of the Chicago Police Department. Let's do a little bit of analysis. Today a pundit may say that O. W. Wilson was just merely providing lip service to a group of civil rights leaders for a political agenda, but that really

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wasn't the case because he did not have to have that meeting. On the other hand, what happened was the command structure of the Chicago Police Department got together and heard some very respected people give their ideas on civil rights and how it's very important for the command structure of the Chicago Police Department to understand these things. Now I'm sort of peripherally involved with that because Sam Riley from Chicago CORE was my dad. I was about in seventh grade at the time and was really interested in what went on. So what you have, Ladies and Gentlemen, is a situation where maybe two groups of people who had not, in any other sense, come together for collaboration. They did just that, collaboration and cooperation maybe to ameliorate a negative situation that might have occurred. So, those five individuals and even a sixth, O. W. Wilson with his forward thinking did a lot to foment understanding of groups of people in the City of Chicago in 1964. Thank you very much for your attention."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Riley. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Bolin: "One committee for this afternoon has been canceled: the Financial Institutions Committee scheduled for 3:00 p.m. this afternoon has been canceled. The following committees will meet this afternoon at 1:00 p.m.: the Agriculture and Conservation Committee will meet in room 122B and the Insurance Committee will meet in room 114. At 3:00 p.m. today, the Consumer Protection Committee will meet in room 114. The Health Care Availability and

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Accessibility Committee will meet room... will meet in room 118. And Cities and Villages will meet in room C-1."

Lang: "Mr. Clerk, on page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, there appears House Resolution 12, sponsored by Jerry Mitchell. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 12, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Lance Corporal Alec E. Catherwood of Byron, who gave his life defending America's freedom on October 14, 2010, in the Helmand province of southern Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Alec E. Catherwood was born on May 6, 1991 in Heilbronn, Germany, to Kirk and Gretchen Catherwood; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood was a member of the Future Farmers of America, in which he served as a Sentinel; he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America; and he held a black belt in tae kwon do; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood graduated in 2009 from Byron High School and enlisted in the United States Marines Corps on June 1, 2009, where he had wanted to serve since he was 3 years old; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood was deployed to Afghanistan to serve his first combat tour of duty and had talked about re-enlisting; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood's awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

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WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Catherwood will be missed by his parents, Kirk and Gretchen Catherwood; his sister, Mikaela Montgomery; his fiancé, Hailey Patrick, whom he was to marry on July 2, 2011; as well as his fellow soldiers and the citizens of a grateful nation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Lance Corporal Alec E. Catherwood; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Lance Corporal Alec E. Catherwood and his willingness to serve his country, which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Lance Corporal Alec E. Catherwood as a symbol of our sincere sympathy."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to introduce, first of all, the parents of Alec Catherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Catherwood. Kirk and Gretchen are up here on my right, standing just to my right. Along with them are... is Hailey Patrick, who is Alec's fiancé. Lance Corporal Alec Catherwood was killed on Thursday, October 14, 2010, while conducting a combat operations mission in Helmand province Afghanistan on the Pakistani border. He was killed by an IED. That's an improvised explosive device, basically a homemade bomb, a booby trap. He was conducting a dismounted combat operation against enemy forces. Lance Corporal Catherwood

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was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. Alec was the sixth Marine from the same unit to die in combat in a 24-hour period. In talking with Gretchen and Hailey, I found that Alec began talking about the Marine Corp at the tender age of three. He always wanted to be a Marine. He was already talking about reenlisting when he was only in his first year of service. Alec loved life and had an extremely positive outlook when it came to living. His future mother-in-law, Christine Patrick, said that he was the kindest human being that ever walked the face of the earth. Hailey said that Alec always saw the good side of everything. The two of them loved to dance and their time together was precious and full of happy and loving memories. They were to be married... to be married on July 2, 2011. Hailey and Gretchen share a very close bond, which has been a source of strength through this very trying time. Alec truly enjoyed high school, not for the grades and studying, mind you, although he did okay. He never knew a stranger and he made friends quickly. You just couldn't help but like Alec. Bronson Monk, a young man that was in shop class with Alec was always picked on. I guess we call it bullying now. He was small, pretty defenseless, but he also stated that when Alec was around none of that ever happened. So, Alec became kind of his personal hero. Alec had three Marine buddies that... that were extremely close. They went on leave together. They went on liberty together. They did practically everything together. They even had nicknames

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for each other. Alec's nickname was Baby Jesus, simply because he never did anything wrong according to the other three Marines. As young Marines would do, and I'm sure that other military people would do, would go to strip clubs now and then. Just for fun. Alec wouldn't go in. He'd say, no, I'm not doing that. He would stand outside and wait for his buddies to come out and get on his cell phone and talk to Hailey and talk about the future. Corporal Clancy Cheek is the only member of the four that's still alive. And Cheek, as they call him, is having a really tough time. I truly enjoyed talking to the parents and his fiancé. The love and the pride they have for their son just fills the room. Alec's mother, Gretchen, and his fiancé, Hailey, know that Alec was doing what he truly loved and believed in, serving and defending his country to the best of his ability. Gretchen said that the family had 19 perfectly beautiful years and nothing will ever change that. Lance Corporal Alec Catherwood died a hero and will always be remembered by his parents, his friends, his teachers, and the entire town of Byron, Illinois. Once again, Ladies and Gentlemen, we stand as servants of our Representative Districts and honor another fallen hero. And each time, I'm left with a sense of both emptiness and pride. It never ceases to amaze me that these young men and women from all over this great land are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice so that we can continue to live in freedom and peace within our shores. Lance Corporal Alec E. Catherwood gave the most precious life a Marine can give. He gave his life for the freedom of his family, his

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community, his state, and his nation. Semper Fi, Lance Corporal Alec Catherwood. Rest in peace. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I think... I served in the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force two years ago. And having come home from Iraq, it's... it's... how quickly we get back into our routines and we tend to take things for granted. I think it's important that we pause today to honor your son and your fiancé. A lot of times we ask ourselves where do we find such men and women. And I think the answer sits in the gallery before us. So, to the kids who were here, you're witnessing an important day when we pause to say we will not forget. And to my colleagues, think about your routine of the day. You drove to the Capitol. You didn't have to worry about an IED. You came in here, your conflict was, am I going to make it to committee, am I going to call my Bill, etc. It puts things in perspective, and I ask that we keep that perspective as we tackle the problems that lie ahead of us, so that we can honor the likes of Alec. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the Marine Corp will forgive an old soldier, I would like to say to the family that... where do we find these young men and women? They come from the finest, finest families in America. It is tough to be the parent of a young Marine. It's tough to say goodbye. I want the family to know that in this Body we will memorialize your son and read his name into a long

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line of American heroes that have given the ultimate sacrifice, and he will forever be a part of our record. And we do that in our meager attempt to tell you, the family, and the families of all these fine American men and women, how much we appreciate what you have done for our country. God bless you, Marine."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mitchell now moves that all Members of the House be added as cosponsors. Is there a leave? Leave is granted. Those in favor of the Resolution shall say 'aye'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Members are reminded that the 1:00 p.m. committees will meet immediately upon adjournment. Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie now moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, February 16, at the hour of 11:30 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. And the House is adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and reading of House Bills—First Reading. House Bill 1516, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1517, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1518, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1519, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning the death penalty. House Bill 1520, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1521,

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offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1522, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1523, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1524, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1525, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1526, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1527, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 1528, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning controlled substances. House Bill 1529, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1530, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1531, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1532, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 1533, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1534, offered by Representative Farnham, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 1535, offered by Representative Farnham, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 1536, offered by Representative Farnham, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1537, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill

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1538, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 1539, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1540, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1541, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1542, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1543, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1544, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1545, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1546, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1547, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1548, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1549, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1550, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1551, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 1552, offered by Representative Nybo, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 1553, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1554, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 1555,

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offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1556, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1557, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1558, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning wind energy. House Bill 1559, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1560, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1561, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 1562, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 1563, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1564, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 1565, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 1566, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1567, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1568, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1569, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1570, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1571, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1572, offered by

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Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1573, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1574, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1575, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1576, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1577, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1578, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1579, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1580, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1581, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 1582, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1583, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 1584, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1585, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 1586, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1587, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1588, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1589, offered by

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Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1590, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1591, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1592, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1593, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1594, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1595, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1596, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1597, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1598, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1599, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1600, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1601, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 1602, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 1603, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 1604, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning child visitation, which may be referred to as the Steven Watkins Memorial Act. House Bill 1605, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government.

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House Bill 1606, offered by Representative William Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning intermodal facilities. House Bill 1607, offered by Representative William Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1608, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning condominium property. House Bill 1609, offered by Representative Nekritz (sic-Chapa LaVia), a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1610, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1611, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1612, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 1613, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1614, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1615, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1616, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1617, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 1618, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1619, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1620, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 1621, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 1622, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning

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corrections. House Bill 1623, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 1624, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning jobs. House Bill 1625, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1626, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1627, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning government vehicles. House Bill 1628, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1629, offered by Representative Sacia (sic-Bradley), a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1630, offered by Representative Sacia (sic-Bradley), a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1631, offered by Representative Sacia (sic-Bradley), a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1632, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1633, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1634, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1635, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1636, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1637, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1638, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1639, offered by Representative

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Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1640, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1641, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1642, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1643, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriation bills. House Bill 1644, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 1645, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1646, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1647, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1648, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1649, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1650, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1651, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1652, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1653, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 1654, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1655, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1656, offered by Representative

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Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1657, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 1658, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 1659, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1660, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1661, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1662, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1663, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 1664, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1665, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning home birth integration. House Bill 1666, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 1667, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue."

Clerk Bolin: "First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 9, offered by Representative Fortner.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH 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

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Article IV of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 6 as follows:

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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 serve no more than a total of 8 years in any one of the following offices and no more than a combined total of 12 years in any 2 or more of the following offices: Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate; provided that service before the second Wednesday in January of 2014 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

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members and choose its officers. No member shall be expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the 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.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 9. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 10, offered by Representative Beiser.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH 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 Article XIII of the Illinois Constitution by adding Section 9 as follows:

ARTICLE XIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 9. MARRIAGE

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Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in Illinois.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 10. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 11, offered by Representative Cunningham.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH 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 Sections 8, 11, and 12 of Article VI of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE VI

THE JUDICIARY

SECTION 8. ASSOCIATE JUDGES

Each Circuit Court shall have such number of Associate Judges as provided by law. Associate Judges shall be appointed by the Circuit Judges in each circuit as the Supreme Court shall provide by rule. In the First Judicial District, unless otherwise provided by law, at least one-fourth of the Associate Judges shall be appointed from, and reside, outside Chicago. The Supreme Court shall provide by rule for matters to be assigned to Associate

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Judges. A person shall not be appointed as an Associate Judge after the adoption of this Amendment unless he or she has been certified as qualified by the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois as provided in Section 11 of this Article.

SECTION 11. ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

No person shall be eligible to be a Judge or Associate Judge unless he is a United States citizen, a licensed attorney-at-law of this State, and a resident of the unit which selects him. No change in the boundaries of a unit shall affect the tenure in office of a Judge or Associate Judge incumbent at the time of such change. A person who is not a Judge or Associate Judge on the date that this Amendment is adopted shall not be eligible to be a Judge or Associate Judge unless he or she has actively practiced law in this State for at least 10 years before his or her election or appointment as a Judge or Associate Judge and his or her license to practice law in this State has not been suspended or revoked for disciplinary reasons by the Supreme Court, and the person has been certified as qualified to be a Judge or Associate Judge by at least 5 members of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois. The certification by the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois shall be effective for 2 years after it is issued. A person issued certification is eligible for recertification if the requirements of this Section are met. During the evaluation

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process, the Commission shall consider each candidate's legal experience, skill and knowledge, as well as his or her academic background, personal character, commitment to community service, and professional conduct and temperament. The Commission may consult with the Illinois State Bar Association and other well established local bar associations in evaluating applicants for Judge or Associate Judge. The Commission shall charge an applicant for Judge or Associate Judge a suitable fee, set by the Commission, in an amount necessary to defray all costs incurred by the evaluation process.

SECTION 12. ELECTION AND RETENTION

- (a) Supreme, Appellate and Circuit Judges shall be nominated at primary elections or by petition. Judges shall be elected at general or judicial elections as the General Assembly shall provide by law. A person eligible for the office of Judge may cause his name to appear on the ballot as a candidate for Judge at the primary and at the general or judicial elections by submitting petitions. The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the requirements for petitions.
- (b) The office of a Judge shall be vacant upon his death, resignation, retirement, removal, or upon the conclusion of his term without retention in office. Whenever an additional Appellate or Circuit Judge is authorized by law, the office shall be filled in the manner provided for filling a vacancy in that office.
- (c) A vacancy occurring in the office of Supreme, Appellate or Circuit Judge shall be filled as the General Assembly may

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provide by law. In the absence of a law, vacancies may be filled by appointment by the Supreme Court. A person appointed to fill a vacancy 60 or more days prior to the next primary election to nominate Judges shall serve until the vacancy is filled for a term at the next general or judicial election. A person appointed to fill a vacancy less than 60 days prior to the next primary election to nominate Judges shall serve until the vacancy is filled at the second general or judicial election following such appointment.

- (d) Not less than six months before the general election preceding the expiration of his term of office, a Supreme, Appellate or Circuit Judge who has been elected to that office may file in the office of the Secretary of State a declaration of candidacy to succeed himself. The Secretary of State, not less than 63 days before the election, shall certify the Judge's candidacy to the proper election officials. The names of Judges seeking retention shall be submitted to the electors, separately and without party designation, on the sole question whether each Judge shall be retained in office for another term. The retention elections shall be conducted at general elections in the appropriate Judicial District, for Supreme and Appellate Judges, and in the circuit for Circuit Judges. The affirmative vote of three-fifths of the electors voting on the question shall elect the Judge to the office for a term commencing on the first Monday in December following his election.

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- (e) A law reducing the number of Appellate or Circuit Judges shall be without prejudice to the right of the Judges affected to seek retention in office. A reduction shall become effective when a vacancy occurs in the affected unit.
- (f) After the adoption of this Amendment, before a candidate for Judge is eligible to circulate petitions or be placed on the ballot for nomination or election as a Supreme, Appellate and Circuit Judge, he or she must be certified as qualified to hold the office of Judge by the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois as provided in Section 11 of this Article VI.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies only to persons seeking election or appointment as a Judge or Associate Judge after the adoption of this Amendment. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 11. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 12, offered by Representative Jakobsson.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH 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

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Article IX of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 3 as follows:

ARTICLE IX
REVENUE

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON INCOME TAXATION

- (a) A tax on or measured by individual income may be at a graduated or a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations. Any such tax imposed on corporations shall be at a non-graduated rate. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the rate shall not exceed the average of the lowest and highest rates ~~rate~~ imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.
- (b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is imposed.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 12."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 13, offered by Representative Lilly.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

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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 Sections 2 and 5 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

- (a) One Senator shall be elected from each Legislative District. Immediately following each decennial redistricting, the General Assembly by law shall divide the Legislative Districts as equally as possible into three groups. Senators from one group shall be elected for terms of four years, four years and two years; Senators from the second group, for terms of four years, two years and four years; and Senators from the third group, for terms of two years, four years and four years. The Legislative Districts in each group shall be distributed substantially equally over the State.
- (b) Each Legislative District shall be divided into two Representative Districts. One Representative shall be elected from each Representative District. During each ten-year period, beginning with the general election in 2012, Representatives shall first be elected for terms of four years, then for terms of two years, and then for terms of four years.
- (c) To be eligible to serve as a member of the General Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at

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least 21 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or appointment a resident of the district which he is to represent. In the general election following a redistricting, a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any district which contains a part of the district in which he resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a resident of the new district he represents for 18 months prior to reelection.

(d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in a Senatorial or Representative office with more than twenty-eight months remaining in the term, the appointed Senator or Representative shall serve until the next general election, at which time a Senator or Representative shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy is in any other Senatorial or Representative office, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term. An appointee to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the person he succeeds.

(e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive compensation as a public officer or employee from any other governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance as a member of the General Assembly.

No member of the General Assembly during the term for which he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a public office which shall have been created or the compensation for which shall have been increased by the General Assembly during that term.

SECTION 5. SESSIONS

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- (a) The General Assembly shall convene each year on the second Wednesday of January. The General Assembly shall be a continuous body for a period beginning and ending at noon on the second Wednesday of January of consecutive odd-numbered years.
- (b) The Governor may convene the General Assembly or the Senate alone in special session by a proclamation stating the purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by law.
- (c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and committee meetings of a house may be closed to the public if two-thirds of the members elected to that house determine that the public interest so requires; and meetings of joint committees and legislative commissions may be so closed if two-thirds of the members elected to each house so determine.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to the terms of Representatives elected in 2012 and thereafter. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 14, offered by Representative Bellock.

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ARTICLE VIII
FINANCE

SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

- (a)The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the estimated balance of funds available for appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of every department, authority, public corporation and quasi-public corporation of the State, every State college and university, and every other public agency created by the State, but not of units of local government or school districts. The budget shall also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of the State and such other information as may be required by law. Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget.
- (b)The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State. Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds

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estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year. General fund expenditures in a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount of the general fund revenues in the immediately prior fiscal year.

SCHEDULE

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."