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Speaker Mautino: "The hour of 11:30 having arrived, the House will be in order. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. As we lift our hearts, most gracious and omnipotent God, who art, the giver and sustainer of our life, we invoke Your blessings and presence upon this august assembly. We pray Your strength and blessings upon the Leader of this House and all of its Members. May they, during these tough times, lean not toward their own understanding. I pray they would ask for Your direction and Your wisdom to direct their path. I pray You grant them the grace to be bold to be courageous and to be wise. I pray the decision bring a calm to the many fears and uncertainties that many in this state are feeling. I pray their willingness to compromise will restore the faith and confidence and bring healing peace all across this great State of Illinois. This we pray in Your precious Son's name, Amen."

Speaker Mautino: "We'll be led in the Pledge today by the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Biss."

Biss - 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."

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Speaker Mautino: "Roll Call for Attendance. The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect on this awesome day that Rosemary Mulligan is the only excused on the Republican side of the aisle."

Speaker Mautino: "Majority Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Golar is excused today."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. 113 answering the Roll, a quorum is present. We are prepared to do the work of the House. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on February 16, 2011: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 325, House Bill 460, House Bill 461, House Bill 462, House Bill 463, House Bill 485, House Bill 486, House Bill 487, House Bill 488 and House Bill 1030. Representative Dugan, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on February 15, 2011: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 153. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability and Accessibility reports the following committee action taken on February 15, 2011: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 105. Representative Riley, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on February 15, 2011: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 177. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary &

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Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on February 16, 2011: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 4; do pass Short Debate is House Bill 189 and House Bill 288. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on February 16, 2011: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 106; do pass Short Debate is House Bill 91, House Bill 95 and House Bill 275. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I - Civil Law reports the following committee action taken on February 16, 2011: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 19. Representative Reitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on February 16, 2011: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 274 and House Bill 308. Referred to House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 71, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 73, offered by Representative Watson."

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

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 68, offered by Representative Cross. House Resolution 69, offered by Representative Osmond. House Resolution 70, offered by Representative Barickman. House Resolution 72, offered by Representative Connelly. And House Resolution 74, offered by Representative Mulligan."

Speaker Mautino: "Majority Leader Currie moves the House adopt the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'yesses' have it. Agreed Resolutions are adopted."

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Mr. Clerk, on House Supplemental Calendar #1, please read House Bill 325."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 325, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Leave this Bill on Second Reading. Read House Bill 460."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 460, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Leave this Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 461."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 461, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Please leave this Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 462."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 462, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Leave this Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 463."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 463, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Leave this Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 485."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 485, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Leave this Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 486."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 486, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Leave this Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 487."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 487, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Leave this Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 488."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 488, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Leave this Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 1030."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1030, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Leave this Bill on Second Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Lady from Cook, Representative Lilly is seeking recognition."

Lilly: "Morning. A point of personal privilege to the Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Lilly: "This morning as a follow-up to Representative Yarbrough presentation for Black History Month on Carter C. (sic-G.) Woodson, I would like to expound a little bit more on his

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vision which was, why and how education of Black History is important. Mr. Woodson, as a historian, author, journalist and scholar who received his doctorate from Harvard University, recognized and acted on the importance of people having awareness and knowledge of African... African-American contribution to humanity in our country. He believed that this scientific... scientific history was transformed and will transform race relations by dispelling the falsehoods about the achievements of African Americans in America. Although blacks, African American has been in our country well into the colonial times, they were not recognized.."

Speaker Mautino: "Excuse me, Representative.."

Lilly: "...in our history books."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative, if you could. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would ask that the noise level in the chamber please be brought down. Guests and staff, please give respect to the Representative who is speaking. Keep the noise level down and give her your attention. Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The African Americans were not recognized in our history books. However, Carson... Carter C. (sic-G.) Woodson acted on researching and writing about African American in our history books. Today, many scholars and educators have followed his lead. Mr. Woodson also was ostracized by some of his contemporary counterparts instead of or insisting that our history can be categorized by ethnic culture and race. He, once again, with his efforts impacted the curriculum in the edu... in the educational

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institutions introducing black culture and history, slowly interchanging the curriculum of colleges and institutions across our country. Carter C. (sic G.) Woodson's view never was just to condense into one week or one month. He felt that the African-American history was important to America. He wanted to see the information on a bigger stage where he thought education of African-American history needed to be year round. As you know, in 1926 he introduced National History Week. And then, in February 1976, Black History Month was established 50 years later in February, where Mr. Woodson felt that the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping black America or African America. With this recognition, we, today, continuously recognize African-American females and males who have contributed to the advancement of our civilization. With that being said, I am honored and privileged to present here today, in the Illinois House of Representatives. Did you know and maybe as you already may know, Dr. Charles Drew, an African-American medical doctor and surgeon started and invented the blood bank, established the long-term preservation of blood plasma, saving millions of lives in the medical profession. Did you know Phil B. Downing, African American, invented the mailbox to protect your U.S. mail? Did you know Sarah S. Goodman (sic-Goode), an African-American, obtained the first patent to invent the folding bed, space saver? Did you know, Elijah McCoy invented the steam engine? And you know the saying the 'real McCoy', real, authentic, high quality, Elijah McCoy, your African-

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American, American. Did you know Garrett Morgan, an African-American inventor-business man, the first to do the traffic light and the gas mask that is used in our armies and to save those miners who were trapped under ground. Did you know George Crum invented the potato chip? Yes, Jay's here we go. Did you know that Norbert Rillieux, African-American engineer, invented the process to make sugar healthier, safer and faster? And, now I know where my calories come from. And did you know that Madame C.J. Walker was the first African-American millionaire who sold her hair products and cosmetics, door to door. Later century... a century later here comes Avon and Mary Kay. Because of Carter C. (sic-G.) Woodson's persistence and insistence to write African Americans into the history, I am sure it set the stage for all Americans; white, black, Asian, native, to better understand and believe we all have something to contribute to our great country. I believe today, because of the education and knowledge of African-American history in America, we have our first African-American President, President Obama. Therefore, due to the vision of Carter C. (sic-G.) Woodson, today African American history is being taught, read, and recognized on a larger scale and I await the future. I await the future to hear and read about the history of our very own Representative Yarbrough with the history of the death penalty. I await to read about the history of the legislation that Senator Lightford put forth toward a pay day loan. I await to read about the legislation put forth by Monique Davis, formally Senator Barack... now President



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Barack Obama, on the elimination of profiling. We are making history here in our very own House of Representatives. Mr. Speaker, I thank you for your time. I am honored to be an American; I am honored and privileged to celebrate Black History. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "Speaker Madigan in the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "The regular Session will stand in recess. Mr. Doorkeeper. The Chair recognizes the Doorkeeper."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Honorable President Cullerton and the Members of the Senate are at the door and seek admission to the chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper, please admit the Honorable Senators. As designated in House Joint Resolution #10, the hour of 12 noon having arrived, the Joint Session of the 97th General Assembly will now come to order. Will the Members of the House and our esteemed guests from the Senate please take their seats. Mr. Clerk, is a quorum of the House present?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker, a quorum of the House is present."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. President, is a quorum of the Senate present in this chamber?"

President Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A quorum of the Senate is present."

Speaker Madigan: "There being a quorum of the House and a quorum of the Senate in attendance, this Joint Session is convened. We would like to introduce some distinguished guests that have joined us today. First, Senator Tom Johnson. Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could have your attention and if everyone could take their seats. Ladies

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and Gentlemen, everyone please take your seats. If everyone could take a seat. Before we begin, we wish to announce some dignitaries that have joined us today. First, the Lieutenant Governor, Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon. The Attorney General, Lisa Madigan. The Comptroller, Judy Baar Topinka. The Treasurer, Dan Rutherford. The Auditor General, Bill Holland. The Superintendent of Education, Chris Koch. Chair of the Illinois Arts Council, Shirley Madigan. Former Member of the House and Assessor of Cook County, Joe Berrios. The Chair recognizes the Majority Leader, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the adoption of Joint Session Resolution 1."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read Joint Session Resolution #1."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joint Session Resolution #1. Be it

RESOLVED, That a committee of ten be appointed, five from the House, by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate, by the President of the Senate, to wait upon the Honorable Governor of the State of Illinois and invite him to address the Joint Assembly."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie has moved for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to the Resolution, the following are appointed as a committee to escort the Governor. The appointments from the House are Representative Lisa Dugan, Representative Greg Harris, Representative Andre' Thapedi, Representative Don Moffitt, Representative Dwight Kay."

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President Cullerton: "The Senate Members are Senator Heather Steans, Senator Edward Maloney, Senator Jacqueline Collins, Senator Sam McCann and Senator Suzi Schmidt."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escort please convene at the rear of the chamber and await his Excellency, the Governor. Mr. Doorkeeper."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Governor of the State of Illinois, Patrick J. Quinn, and his party wish to be admitted to this chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper, admit the Honorable Governor. Ladies and Gentlemen, please take your seats. Mr. Governor."

Governor Quinn: "Thank you. I want to welcome the honored Members of the General Assembly, and Senate President Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, Leader Radogno, Leader Cross, our esteemed Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon, Attorney General Madigan, Comptroller Topinka, Treasurer Rutherford, Auditor General Bill Holland and all of our guests. We want to thank you for your presence here today. And at the outset, I think it's important that we never forget the honorable men and women of Illinois and our entire country who wear the uniform of our country. This year, as we remember the eleventh... or the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, we owe a profound debt to those who volunteer for our military and protect our democracy. And in particular, we send a special salute to the 440 Illinois National Guardsmen who are in the Sinai Desert in Egypt, as we speak. We thank them for their service and in the same vein, we al... should not forget those who just two weeks ago

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during a severe weather crisis that we all never will forget in the State of Illinois, we had to deploy the workers of our State Government to protect the lives of 13 million people and many, many state departments including the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois National Guard, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and the Illinois State Marshal worked as a team to plow 16,800 miles of roads working around the clock in whiteout conditions to keep our people safe. I think all of us should give a round of applause to these heroic state workers who got the job done. This is your State Government at its best and I think we all know when public servants do their job and do it well all of us are better off. When I spoke to you a year ago, we stood on the brink of economic and financial disaster. We had come through the worst financial crisis in our state since the Great Depression. Thousands of Illinois' families were still suffering from unemployment and its affects. And after three decades of financial mismanagement, our state's financial house was on fire. In the past year, Illinois has begun an impressive recovery and we have taken important steps to rescue our state's finances. We must have financial stability in Illinois. We must have it. Budget stability is crucial for the success of businesses, families and the State of Illinois. It's critical... it's a critical factor in attracting business and keeping business investment and in creating jobs. It's how we will lead

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Illinois' citizens to economic prosperity and maintain our role as a global economic powerhouse. We have taken the first steps to stabilize our budget and with a comprehensive plan to restrain spending and reform State Government, we're on our way. But the first part of this plan is budget restraint and finding new ways to reduce unnecessary state spending. And since taking office, I have reduced our spending every year and no area is above review. Last year we enacted a landmark pension reform law, the most far-reaching public pension reform law ever enacted by a state in our country's history. And over the next generation, we will save the people of Illinois \$220 billion. And just last month I signed into law historic caps on state spending. And our commitment to taxpayers is simple. We will only use tax dollars to provide necessary state services. All unnecessary state spending will be eliminated. And we were looking at programs in new ways. We want to save taxpayer dollars while improving the services we deliver. For example, last month together we passed comprehensive Medicaid reform, will save us hundreds of millions of dollars, but it will also improve health care outcomes for Medicaid patients. It'll decrease ineffective reliance on emergency rooms by providing patients with a medical home and focusing on preventive care to keep people from getting sick in the first place. We need to keep investing in essential necessary services while cutting programs that don't work. This means continued support for cost-effective programs that do work such as: home care for those with disabilities, child care

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for working families and community care for our seniors. Our new approach is called budgeting for results. The spending reductions and program reforms that I am talking about today are the result of our budgeting for results process. And I want to personally thank Senator Dan Kotowski for his leadership on this issue. Thank you very much. And while we've taken strong action to stabilize our budget, we are still in a tough fiscal situation. As a result, the spending reductions that I am presenting today are very tough. The difficult choices we make today will ensure that we are able to provide the essential services to families and businesses across our entire state. This year we have looked for savings in a number of areas and here are just a few examples of a long list of cuts. We are reducing the Medicaid reimbursement rate for hospitals and nursing homes saving taxpayers \$550 million this year alone. Illinois currently has 868 school districts and our fiscal reality demands consolidation; it's too many districts. I'm proposing the formation of a commission that will review the number of school districts in our state. Consolidation lowers administrative overhead, improves efficiency and will save taxpayers \$100 million. I'm also proposing the elimination of state funding for the salaries and office costs of regional school superintendents. The \$13 million annually saved will be spent in the classroom rather than on administration. And I've... and I have heard an excellent suggestion from Representative Anthony DeLuca for a special commission to examine additional cuts to unnecessary government spending.

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It's a suggestion I look forward to working with you on and I want to thank Representative DeLuca for his leadership in that area. This year we began facing up to our obligations. We enacted a new revenue law to help eliminate our longstanding structural deficit, but that is only half the solution. We have \$8.7 billion in overdue unpaid bills. We need to restructure our debt, a plan that will allow us to pay our outstanding bills to vendors and return to a prompt payment cycle. Currently, Illinois pays its bills, as Comptroller Topinka knows, six to eight months behind schedule. We force our universities, our service agencies, our companies doing business with the state to bear the burden of slow pay. For example, Illinois's backlog of payments to the state's transit systems is now more than \$280 million. Millions of people living and working in Illinois rely on mass transit systems including two million trips a day just in northeastern Illinois alone. Delayed payments to the Regional Transportation Authority, for the CTA, for Metra, for Pace, that harms the ability of our people to get to work. We have to do something about this. In addition, our state has been forced to pay more for procurement contracts simply because we don't pay on time. Vendors are not bidding competitively for our state business. Their bids are 6 to 10 percent higher than they should be because those contracting with the state expect long delays in payment. This is not insignificant. We pay 700 million to a billion dollars more a year as a result of slow pay. Even with our new revenues, if we do not restructure our

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debt, it will take us decades for us to return to a prompt payment cycle of a fiscally responsible government. So, there's legislation, you know, currently pending before this General Assembly that will allow us to pay our bills today to a debt restructuring plan. This is not... not new borrowing. Billions of dollars of existing bills will not go away by magic. With debt restructuring legislation, we have the opportunity to jumpstart our economy this year by paying our vendors today. That's an immediate injection of billions of dollars into our economy. We will, as a state, see lower interest costs and our vendors will be willing to bid competitively. Now, if you don't agree with our debt restructuring plan, tell us which payments you would eliminate to pay \$8.7 billion in overdue bills today, which programs. Put it out there for all of us to see, saying no is not enough unless you're willing to offer real alternatives. Rebuilding our fiscal house and paying our bills will have a positive effect on our economy and jobs across Illinois right now. In 2010, Illinois, our state, added more jobs than any other state in the Midwest, bar none. We were fourth in the nation... we were fourth in the nation in job growth and don't forget, don't ever forget, that Illinois is the eighteenth largest economy in the world with the State Domestic Product of two-thirds of a trillion dollars. We've had nine straight months of declining unemployment. In fact, the unemployment rate in every county in Illinois fell for the first time since 1974. And we know one of the best ways to create jobs is to help the private sector grow and develop. And thanks to



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our public and private partnerships and investments that we all believe in, we have helped companies like Ford, like Chrysler, like Navistar, like Mitsubishi, like Boeing and dozens and dozens of others, who have chosen to relocate and grow their operations right here in Illinois. Our EDGE tax credits helped Ford add 1200 jobs to its plant on Torrence Avenue in Chicago and we saved 1,950 jobs at Chrysler in Belvidere. Just 10 days ago, Mitsubishi announced, thanks to our investment, that they will be saving 1,200 jobs at their manufacturing facility in Normal. And we also believe in investing in green technologies and manufacturing that are driving today's jobs and tomorrow's. Last year we helped develop the Rockford Solar Project, the largest solar generator in the Midwest and one of the largest in the United States. We are also working with manufacturing companies like A. Lucas and Sons in Peoria and Brad Foote Gear Works in Cicero, helping them to retool their operations and produce parts for wind turbines, an expanding Illinois industry. We're helping Ingersoll Machine Tools shift their manufacturing business from aviation to wind, creating 87 jobs and saving another 69. Because of our efforts, Illinois is a national leader in technology businesses and last year I signed legislation to encourage more broadband, more wireless investment across our state, every part of our state. These investments are creating a tech boom across Illinois. Companies like Threadless, Peapod, Careerbuilder, Grubhub, and Orbitz are using these investments to grow and become the next generation of household names. And in addition,

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our efforts to bring cutting edge companies and jobs to Illinois are bearing fruit. Last year we invested in a company called Groupon. Forbes Magazine has called Groupon the fastest growing company ever. Groupon started in Illinois with six employees in 2008. They now employ 1,500 people in Illinois in just three years. And thanks to our partnership, they're going to keep growing right here in Illinois because for more than 150 years our state has been a world leader in entrepreneurship, technology and innovation. Illinois built the first silo changing the way farmers store their crops. We built the first skyscraper, Chicago's Home Insurance Building. It allowed our cities to climb into the sky. We created the first commercial cell phone. We invented LED energy efficient lighting and we are home to the world's fastest super computer. But as any entrepreneur will tell you, a great idea is not enough. Entrepreneurs need access to capital to carry out their vision. You can't have capitalism without capital. So we must support a vibrant, entrepreneurial culture that capitalizes on Illinois strengths: our strong work ethic, our history of innovation, our world-class universities and research institutions including Argonne and Fermi Lab. Today, I'm announcing the formation of an Illinois Innovation Council convening the best minds in business, in academia, in research and development. This group will identify the strategies our state should pursue to foster innovation and economic growth. The Council will be led by Brad Keywell, a business leader with a record of spotting good ideas and attracting investment to make them work.

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He's cofounder of Groupon and will bring innovative business sense. And by harnessing our resources and coordinating our efforts and by putting our scientists and our inventors in touch with businesses and investors, we will create the jobs of today and tomorrow right here in Illinois. Illinois is a... don't ever forget that Illinois is a major player on the global stage. Our current exports support more than a half a million Illinois jobs. In 2010 alone, our state exports went up by nearly 20 percent, to just under \$50 billion. We are sixth in the nation in exports, first in the Midwest. The only... the only states that export more than us are on coasts; we're on an inland situation. And we understand that it's important to export and as Governor I plan to expand and double our exports over the next five years. We can do that if we work together. To meet this goal we have to reorganize our foreign trade offices; we have to work with representatives from international markets; we have to develop new training relationships and enhance the ones already in place. Just for example, we recently hosted the President of China and his delegation of trade officials. These meetings alone resulted in \$1.8 billion in agreements that will sell 25 percent of our soybean crop from Illinois to one country, China. In 2010, last year, our exports from Illinois to China increased by nearly 30 percent and more than 30 Chinese companies are already investing in Illinois employing thousands of our workers. Creating a good environment for business, economic growth and jobs requires connecting with the private sector and my administration

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continues to meet and engage with leaders of large and small businesses throughout our state. This Friday, February 18, I'll be hosting a Business Roundtable. I'll sit down with business leaders to hear their thoughts. One thing we've already heard is the need for workers' compensation reform. We are taking the lead on that issue and we need to build a system that understands the needs of businesses while protecting the rights and safety of our workers. We will do this. In tackling the challenges of competing in a global marketplace, we should never ever lose sight of the fact that our greatest asset is our human capital. Illinois workers are the best of the best. They're smart; they're resourceful; they're hardworking, but we can't become complacent. We must invest in our state's workforce to meet the changing needs of businesses, so that Illinois workers always, always have the education and training and skills that they need in order to compete with anyone around the world and that's why I'm proposing to increase support for the Employer Training Investment Program. We are also continuing to invest in our infrastructure that has made Illinois the inland port of America. Shortly after I became Governor, we enacted together our Job Recovery Initiative. It's called Illinois Jobs Now. It's a \$31 billion job recovery program to rebuild our roads, our bridges, our water systems, our railroads, our airports and our schools. We're in the middle, right now, of the largest road building program in the history of the State of Illinois. So far, we have repaired 4,800 miles of roads and 500 bridges and we have a

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lot more to come. We are creating jobs. Capital projects to-date have created 142 thousand short-term and permanent jobs. Altogether with our program, we will create and retain more than 400 thousand jobs over the course of Illinois Jobs Now. We're leading the nation in building a robust and efficient high-speed rail network. We were the first to start construction on this. Demand for passenger rail in our state, every part of our state, is at an all-time high reaching a record two million riders on Amtrak in the past year. The promise of high-speed rail has already brought new manufacturers to Illinois and new private investment to our communities. And we're working to get more federal funding for high-speed rail; we believe in high-speed rail. And today I want to reaffirm my commitment to build a third airport at Peotone in Chicago's south suburbs as fast as humanly possible. We must expand our investment in the third airport in one of the fastest-growing parts of Illinois to help companies move their products and people come in and out of our state. Airport investment, rail investment, road investment, they'll pay substantial dividends today and tomorrow and for the next generation. We're the only state in the nation that is making this kind of investment in jobs and transportation infrastructure. We must, must, stay on the course. And we must also keep improving our education; that's our investment that develops the minds of our children, our human investment. It prepares our children for a productive and fulfilling life. We don't want any state to out educate Illinois. Just over a year ago I appointed a...

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the members of a P-20 Council, the first of its kind in our state, includes business leaders and teachers, parents from all across Illinois. We must ensure that we have everyone acquire the skills demanded by the 21st century workplace and in today's world, that means our high school students must be prepared for postsecondary education. Children born today, this year, will be in high school in 2025. We must begin at birth, at birth, to provide the foundation that is needed to prepare our children for high school and success in college and their careers. We need to revamp our higher education system. We want to increase access for all students; therefore, in this budget we will increase funding for the Monetary Assistance Program, MAP. This is a scholarship program... this is a scholarship program to provides scholarships for qualified needy students and we want to have a particular focus on community college students. We have over a million community college students in Illinois and we need to abolish the legislative scholarship program. College scholarships... college scholarships that are paid for by the taxpayers of Illinois should only go to those who have true financial need for them. We must be a state that has a dynamic growing economy. We must provide a first-class education for our people and training that helps all of our workers succeed at every level. And we must also be a state with a tax system that's fair and responsible. Now, for too long Illinois has had a Tax Code that is not fair; it is regressive. It's not based on ability to pay. We can do better. And for that reason I will appoint an

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Illinois Revenue Reform Commission and charge the members with recommending a plan to write a 21st century Tax Code for Illinois that focuses on fairness and promotes economic growth. My vision for Illinois is a state that looks to the future by making reforms and sacrifices in the present. In my Illinois, our children go to safe, topnotch schools that prepare them for the rigors of a global economy. The parents of Illinois earn a decent wage and their employers give them the opportunity to have a good, middle-class standard of living. Our homes are energy efficient, technology connected and easy to maintain thanks to Illinois innovations. It's everybody in and nobody left out when it comes to building a better Illinois. Working together in good faith we can overcome any challenge and make the will of the people the law of the land. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escort please come forward to escort the Governor from chamber. The President of the Senate is recognized for a Motion."

President Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the Joint Session do now arise."

Speaker Madigan: "The President of the Senate has moved that the Joint Session do now arise. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed by saying 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Joint Session will now arise. The regular Session will come to order."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Mautino in the Chair. Could I get the attention of the Body. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Committee announcements for this afternoon. At 2 p.m., the following committees will be meeting: State Government Administration will be meeting in Room C-1. State Government Administration in Room C-1 at 2 p.m. Environment & Energy will meet in Room 114 at 2 p.m. Environment & Energy in Room 114. Also meeting at 2 p.m. is the Executive Committee in Room 118. Executive will meet at 2 p.m. in Room 118."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Can I have your attention, everyone. I'd like to invite everybody tonight to the Top of the Hilton. The Illinois Pipe Trades Association is going to have a reception there from 5 to 7, plenty to eat and plenty of cocktails and we'd love to see you there. So, if you could make it, we would appreciate it. Thank you very much."

Speaker Mautino: "And now allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie moves the House stand adjourned to Thursday, February 17 at the hour of 12 noon. All in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The House stands adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 1668, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1669, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1670, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1671, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill



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for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1672, offered by Representative Burns, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1673, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1674, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 1675, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1676, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1677, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1678, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1679, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1680, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1681, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1682, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1683, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1684, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 1685, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1686, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 1687, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1688, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning

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elections. House Bill 1689, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1690, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1691, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1692, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1693, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning liens. House Bill 1694, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1695, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1696, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 1697, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 1698, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1699, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1700, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1701, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1702, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1703, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1704, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1705, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1706, offered by

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Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1707, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1708, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1709, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1710, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1711, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1712, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1713, offered by Representative Harris, Greg, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1714, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1715, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill... Correction. House Bill 1715, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an act concerning government. House Bill 1716, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1717, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1718, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1719, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1720, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1721, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning local

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government. House Bill 1722, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1723, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1724, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 1725, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1726, offered by Representative Farnham, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1727, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1728, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 1729, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental safety. House Bill 1730, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1731, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1732, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1733, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 1734, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 1735, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1736, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1737, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1738, offered by Representative

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Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1739, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1740, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1741, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1742, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1743, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1744, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1745, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1746, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1747, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1748, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1749, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1750, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1751, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1752, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1753, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1754, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1755, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning

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education. House Bill 1756, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1757, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1758, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1759, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1760, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1761, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1762, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1763, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1764, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1765, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1766, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1767, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 1768, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1769, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1770, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 1771, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill

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1772, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1773, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 1774, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 1775, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 1776, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 1777, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1778, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1779, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1780, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1781, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1782, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1783, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 1784, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 1785, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 1786, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 1787, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1788, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1789, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act

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concerning regulation. House Bill 1790, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1791, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1792, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1793, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1794, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1795, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1796, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1797, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1798, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1799... Correction. House Bill 1789... House Bill 1799 offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1800, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1801, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1802, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1803, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 1804, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 1805, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill



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1806, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1807, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1808, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1809, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1810, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1811, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1812, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1813, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1814, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1815, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1816, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 1817, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1818, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1819, offered by Representative Mell, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1820, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1821, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 1822, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 1823, offered by

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Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1824, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 1825, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1826, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1827, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1828, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1829, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1830, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1831, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1832, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1833, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1834, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning military airport development. House Bill 1835, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1836, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1837, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1838, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1839, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning equal access. House Bill 1840, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an

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Act concerning State government. House Bill 1841, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1842, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1843, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1844, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1845, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1846, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1847, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1848, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1849, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1850, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1851, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1852, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 1853, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1854, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1855, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1856, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1857, offered by

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Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1858, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1859, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1860, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1861, a Bill for an Act... House Bill 1861, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1862, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1863, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1864, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1865, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1866, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1867, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1868, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning wind energy facilities. House Bill 1869, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning notices. House Bill 1870, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1871, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1872, offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1873, offered by

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Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #15, offered by Representative Durkin.

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 add Section 8.1 to Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 8.1. PASSAGE OF BILLS WITH A FISCAL IMPACT.

A bill may become law only with the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly if the bill directly: (i) requires the expenditure of any State funds, (ii) decreases the revenues of the State, (iii) requires that units of local government or school districts expend their own funds, (iv) decreases the revenues of units of local government or school districts, or (v) revises the distribution of State funds among units of local government or school districts. However, if the Governor vetoes a bill so passed by returning it with his or her objections to the house in which it originated, then that bill shall not become law unless, upon its return, it passed by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the

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General Assembly. Likewise, if the Governor returns a bill so passed with specific recommendations for change to the house in which it originated, then those recommendations may be accepted only by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly.

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 #15. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #16, offered by Representative Pritchard.

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 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

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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 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

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shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy is in any other Senatorial or a 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

(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.



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(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. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #16. Committee Reports. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on February 16, 2011: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 1. Senate Bills-Second Reading. Senate Bill 1, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 1874, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1875, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1876, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning

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education. House Bill 1877, offered by Representative Barickman, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1878, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1879, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1880, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1881, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1882, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1883, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1884, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1885, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1886, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1887, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1888, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1889, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1890, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1891, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1892, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1893, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1894,

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offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1895, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1896, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1897, offered by Representative Senger, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1898, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1899, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1900, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1901, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1902, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1903, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1904, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1905, offered by Representative Cunningham, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. And House Bill 1906, offered by Representative Cunningham, a Bill for an Act concerning handgun regulation. Introduction and reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendments-First Reading. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 17, offered by Representative Kay.

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

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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 the Illinois Constitution in Article IV by adding Section 2.5 as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

- (a) A person may not serve more than 5 terms of office as a Representative.
- (b) A person may not serve more than 3 terms of office as a Senator.
- (c) A person is considered to serve a term of office for the purpose of this Section if the person is elected or appointed to serve any portion of the term.

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 election of members of the General Assembly in 2012 and thereafter. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."