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NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20TH LEGISLATIVE DAY

REGULAR & PERFUNCTORY SESSION

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Lang in the chair.

Prayer by Pastor Tim McCormick, who is with Kingdom Authority Ministries International in Springfield, Illinois.

Representative Batinick led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

110 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Ammons, Hays, Mautino, Soto, Stewart, Tryon and Zalewski were excused from attendance.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

Representative Ives replaced Representative Stewart in the Committee on Revenue & Finance on March 5, 2015.

MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Representative Willis submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 60(b), I move to table HOUSE BILL 3362.

Representative Hoffman submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 60(b), I move to table HOUSE RESOLUTION 219.

REQUEST FOR FISCAL NOTES

Representative Golar requested that a Fiscal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 127.

Representative Sandack requested that Fiscal Notes be supplied for HOUSE BILLS 127 and 133, as amended.

Representative Thapedi requested that a Fiscal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 133, as amended.

Representative Sullivan requested that a Fiscal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 306.

REQUEST FOR STATE MANDATES FISCAL NOTES

Representative Sandack requested that State Mandates Fiscal Notes be supplied for HOUSE BILLS 127 and 133, as amended.

Representative Sullivan requested that a State Mandates Fiscal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 306.

Representative Thapedi requested that a State Mandates Fiscal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 133, as amended.

REQUEST FOR BALANCED BUDGET NOTE

Representative Thapedi requested that a Balanced Budget Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 133, as amended.

REQUEST FOR CORRECTIONAL NOTE

Representative Thapedi requested that a Correctional Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 133, as amended.

REQUEST FOR HOME RULE NOTE

Representative Thapedi requested that a Home Rule Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 133, as amended.

REQUEST FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPACT NOTE

Representative Thapedi requested that a Housing Affordability Impact Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 133, as amended.

REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTE

Representative Thapedi requested that a Judicial Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 133, as amended.

REQUEST FOR LAND CONVEYANCE APPRAISAL NOTE

Representative Thapedi requested that a Land Conveyance Appraisal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 133, as amended.

REQUEST FOR PENSION NOTE

Representative Thapedi requested that a Pension Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 133, as amended.

REQUEST FOR STATE DEBT IMPACT NOTE

Representative Thapedi requested that a State Debt Impact Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 133, as amended.

FISCAL NOTE SUPPLIED

A Fiscal Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 196.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by
Mr. Anderson, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to-wit:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

Concurred in the Senate, March 5, 2015.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Sandack was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Brady became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 3137.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 229

Offered by Representative Bradley:
Mourns the death of George Albert Michalic of West Frankfort.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 230

Offered by Representative Mayfield:
Recognizes H.D. Darby on his accomplishments during the Civil Rights movement.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HOUSE BILL 133. Having been reproduced, was taken up and read by title a second time. Amendment No. 1 was offered in the Committee on Consumer Protection, adopted and reproduced. There being no further amendments, the bill was held on the order of Second Reading.

Having been reproduced, the following bill was taken up, read by title a second time and advanced to the order of Third Reading: HOUSE BILL 1418.

HOUSE BILLS ON THIRD READING

The following bills and any amendments adopted thereto were reproduced. These bills have been examined, any amendments thereto engrossed and any errors corrected. Any amendments still pending upon the passage or defeat of a bill on Third Reading are automatically tabled pursuant to Rule 40(a).

On motion of Representative McSweeney, HOUSE BILL 175 was taken up and read by title a third time. And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: 110, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 2)

This bill, having received the votes of a constitutional majority of the Members elected, was declared passed.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

On motion of Representative Drury, HOUSE BILL 1336 was taken up and read by title a third time. And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: 69, Yeas; 39, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 3)

This bill, having received the votes of a constitutional majority of the Members elected, was declared passed.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

RESOLUTIONS

Having been reported out of the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges on February 25, 2015, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6 was taken up for consideration.

Anthony moved the adoption of the resolution.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

110, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 4)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges on March 3, 2015, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Bradley moved the adoption of the resolution.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

110, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 5)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges on March 3, 2015, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 29 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Moffitt moved the adoption of the resolution.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

110, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 6)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal on March 3, 2015, HOUSE RESOLUTION 134 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Ford moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Juvenile Justice & System-Involved Youth on March 3, 2015, HOUSE RESOLUTION 138 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Ford moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal on March 3, 2015, HOUSE RESOLUTION 163 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Ford moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges on March 3, 2015, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Cabello moved the adoption of the resolution.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

110, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 7)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

ACTION ON MOTIONS

The Chair requested leave to use a single vote for the adoption of motions to table for the following legislation: HOUSE BILL 1512, 2672 and 3901.

Leave was granted.

The foregoing motions prevailed and the bills were tabled.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 229 and 230 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.

The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

RESOLUTION

Having been reported out of the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies on March 4, 2015, HOUSE RESOLUTION 152 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Cloonen moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

AGREED RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION 76 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Bellock moved that all Members of the House of Representatives be added as sponsors.

Representative Durkin moved the adoption of the agreed resolution.

The motion prevailed and the agreed resolution was adopted.

At the hour of 1:06 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

And in accordance therewith and pursuant to HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 46, the House stood adjourned until Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

March 05, 2015

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

110 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Davis, Monique	P Kay	P Sandack
E Ammons	P Davis, William	P Kifowit	P Scherer
P Andersson	P DeLuca	P Lang	P Sente
P Andrade	P Demmer	P Leitch	P Sims
P Anthony	P Drury	P Lilly	P Smiddy
P Arroyo	P Dunkin	P Manley	P Sommer
P Batinick	P Durkin	P Martwick	P Sosnowski
P Beiser	P Evans	E Mautino	E Soto
P Bellock	P Feigenholtz	P Mayfield	E Stewart
P Bennett	P Fine	P McAsey	P Sullivan
P Bourne	P Flowers	P McAuliffe	P Tabares
P Bradley	P Ford	P McDermed	P Thapedi
P Brady	P Fortner	P McSweeney	E Tryon
P Breen	P Franks	P Meier	P Turner
P Brown	P Frese	P Mitchell, Bill	P Unes
P Bryant	P Gabel	P Mitchell, Christian	P Verschoore
P Burke, Daniel	P Golar	P Moeller	P Wallace
P Burke, Kelly	P Gordon-Booth	P Moffitt	P Walsh
P Butler	P Guzzardi	P Morrison	P Wehrli
P Cabello	P Hammond	P Moylan	P Welch
P Cassidy	P Harris, David	P Mussman	P Wheeler, Barbara
P Cavaletto	P Harris, Greg	P Nekritz	P Wheeler, Keith
P Chapa LaVia	E Hays	P Phelps	P Williams
P Cloonen	P Hernandez	P Phillips	P Willis
P Conroy	P Hoffman	P Poe	P Winger
P Costello	P Hurley	P Pritchard	P Yingling
P Crespo	P Ives	P Reaves-Harris	E Zalewski
P Currie	P Jackson	P Reis	A Mr. Speaker
P D'Amico	P Jesiel	P Riley	
P Davidsmeyer	P Jones	P Rita	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-NINTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 HOUSE BILL 175
 OPEN MEETINGS-REVIEW
 THIRD READING
 PASSED

March 05, 2015

110 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Kay	Y Sandack
E Ammons	Y Davis, William	Y Kifowit	Y Scherer
Y Andersson	Y DeLuca	Y Lang	Y Sente
Y Andrade	Y Demmer	Y Leitch	Y Sims
Y Anthony	Y Drury	Y Lilly	Y Smiddy
Y Arroyo	Y Dunkin	Y Manley	Y Sommer
Y Batinick	Y Durkin	Y Martwick	Y Sosnowski
Y Beiser	Y Evans	E Mautino	E Soto
Y Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	Y Mayfield	E Stewart
Y Bennett	Y Fine	Y McAsey	Y Sullivan
Y Bourne	Y Flowers	Y McAuliffe	Y Tabares
Y Bradley	Y Ford	Y McDermed	Y Thapedi
Y Brady	Y Fortner	Y McSweeney	E Tryon
Y Breen	Y Franks	Y Meier	Y Turner
Y Brown	Y Frese	Y Mitchell, Bill	Y Unes
Y Bryant	Y Gabel	Y Mitchell, Christian	Y Verschoore
Y Burke, Daniel	Y Golar	Y Moeller	Y Wallace
Y Burke, Kelly	Y Gordon-Booth	Y Moffitt	Y Walsh
Y Butler	Y Guzzardi	Y Morrison	Y Wehrli
Y Cabello	Y Hammond	Y Moylan	Y Welch
Y Cassidy	Y Harris, David	Y Mussman	Y Wheeler, Barbara
Y Cavaletto	Y Harris, Greg	Y Nekritz	Y Wheeler, Keith
Y Chapa LaVia	E Hays	Y Phelps	Y Williams
Y Cloonen	Y Hernandez	Y Phillips	Y Willis
Y Conroy	Y Hoffman	Y Poe	Y Winger
Y Costello	Y Hurley	Y Pritchard	Y Yingling
Y Crespo	Y Ives	Y Reaves-Harris	E Zalewski
Y Currie	Y Jackson	Y Reis	A Mr. Speaker
Y D'Amico	Y Jesiel	Y Riley	
Y Davidsmeyer	Y Jones	Y Rita	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-NINTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 HOUSE BILL 1336
 LIQUOR-MEDICAL ASSIST-IMMUNITY
 THIRD READING
 PASSED

March 05, 2015

69 YEAS

39 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	N Kay	Y Sandack
E Ammons	Y Davis, William	N Kifowit	N Scherer
Y Andersson	N DeLuca	Y Lang	N Sente
Y Andrade	Y Demmer	Y Leitch	Y Sims
Y Anthony	Y Drury	Y Lilly	Y Smiddy
Y Arroyo	Y Dunkin	N Manley	N Sommer
N Batinick	Y Durkin	Y Martwick	N Sosnowski
N Beiser	Y Evans	E Mautino	E Soto
Y Bellock	Y Feigenholtz	N Mayfield	E Stewart
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Y Breen	NV Franks	N Meier	Y Turner
N Brown	Y Frese	N Mitchell, Bill	NV Unes
N Bryant	Y Gabel	Y Mitchell, Christian	N Verschoore
Y Burke, Daniel	Y Golar	N Moeller	N Wallace
Y Burke, Kelly	Y Gordon-Booth	Y Moffitt	Y Walsh
Y Butler	Y Guzzardi	N Morrison	Y Wehrli
Y Cabello	N Hammond	N Moylan	Y Welch
Y Cassidy	N Harris, David	N Mussman	Y Wheeler, Barbara
N Cavaletto	Y Harris, Greg	Y Nekritz	N Wheeler, Keith
Y Chapa LaVia	E Hays	N Phelps	Y Williams
N Cloonen	Y Hernandez	Y Phillips	N Willis
N Conroy	Y Hoffman	Y Poe	N Winger
N Costello	Y Hurley	N Pritchard	N Yingling
Y Crespo	N Ives	Y Reaves-Harris	E Zalewski
Y Currie	Y Jackson	N Reis	A Mr. Speaker
Y D'Amico	Y Jesiel	Y Riley	
N Davidsmeyer	Y Jones	Y Rita	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6
JAMES ALLEN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
ADOPTED

March 05, 2015

110 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Kay	Y Sandack
E Ammons	Y Davis, William	Y Kifowit	Y Scherer
Y Andersson	Y DeLuca	Y Lang	Y Sente
Y Andrade	Y Demmer	Y Leitch	Y Sims
Y Anthony	Y Drury	Y Lilly	Y Smiddy
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Y Costello	Y Hurley	Y Pritchard	Y Yingling
Y Crespo	Y Ives	Y Reaves-Harris	E Zalewski
Y Currie	Y Jackson	Y Reis	A Mr. Speaker
Y D'Amico	Y Jesiel	Y Riley	
Y Davidsmeyer	Y Jones	Y Rita	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9
KERRY M. BUGAJSKY MEM HIGHWAY
ADOPTED

March 05, 2015

110 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Kay	Y Sandack
E Ammons	Y Davis, William	Y Kifowit	Y Scherer
Y Andersson	Y DeLuca	Y Lang	Y Sente
Y Andrade	Y Demmer	Y Leitch	Y Sims
Y Anthony	Y Drury	Y Lilly	Y Smiddy
Y Arroyo	Y Dunkin	Y Manley	Y Sommer
Y Batinick	Y Durkin	Y Martwick	Y Sosnowski
Y Beiser	Y Evans	E Mautino	E Soto
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Y Cassidy	Y Harris, David	Y Mussman	Y Wheeler, Barbara
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Y Davidsmeyer	Y Jones	Y Rita	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 29
REST AREA/WELCOME CTR SNACKS
ADOPTED

March 05, 2015

110 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Kay	Y Sandack
E Ammons	Y Davis, William	Y Kifowit	Y Scherer
Y Andersson	Y DeLuca	Y Lang	Y Sente
Y Andrade	Y Demmer	Y Leitch	Y Sims
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Y Davidsmeyer	Y Jones	Y Rita	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-NINTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21
 TROOPER SKEETERS MEM OVERPASS
 ADOPTED

March 05, 2015

110 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Kay	Y Sandack
E Ammons	Y Davis, William	Y Kifowit	Y Scherer
Y Andersson	Y DeLuca	Y Lang	Y Sente
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20TH LEGISLATIVE DAY

Perfunctory Session

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015

At the hour of 1:30 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 4192. Introduced by Representative Arroyo, AN ACT concerning appropriations.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Welch replaced Representative Moeller in the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Charter School Policy on March 4, 2015.

Representative Guzzardi replaced Representative Daniel Burke in the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Charter School Policy on March 4, 2015.

Representative Ford replaced Representative Drury in the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Charter School Policy on March 4, 2015.

Representative Lilly replaced Representative Bradley in the Committee on Labor & Commerce on March 4, 2015.

Representative Sims replaced Representative Welch in the Committee on Labor & Commerce on March 4, 2015.

Representative Beiser replaced Representative Yingling in the Committee on Counties & Townships on March 5, 2015.

Representative Fine replaced Representative Conroy in the Committee on Counties & Townships on March 5, 2015.

Representative Reaves-Harris replaced Representative Costello in the Committee on Special Committee on Substance Abuse on March 5, 2015.

Representative Monique Davis replaced Representative Flowers in the Committee on Youth & Young Adults on March 5, 2015.

Representative Sommer replaced Representative McAuliffe in the Committee on Museums, Arts, & Cultural Enhancement on March 5, 2015.

Representative Welch replaced Representative Gabel in the Committee on Museums, Arts, & Cultural Enhancement on March 5, 2015.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Dunkin, Chairperson, from the Committee on Tourism & Conventions to which the following were referred, action taken on March 4, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the resolution be reported “recommends be adopted” and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23.

The committee roll call vote on House Joint Resolution 23 is as follows:

7, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Dunkin(D), Chairperson	A Harris, Greg(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Unes(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Bryant(R)
Y Costello(D)	Y Feigenholtz(D)
A Ford(D)	Y McAuliffe(R)
Y Reaves-Harris(D)	

Representative Rita, Chairperson, from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses to which the following were referred, action taken on March 4, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 1422.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 1422 is as follows:

8, Yeas; 1, Nay; 0, Answering Present.

Y Rita(D), Chairperson	Y Evans(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Poe(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Batinick(R)
Y Davidsmeyer(R)	Y DeLuca(D)
N Manley(D)	Y Mayfield(D)
A Sims(D)	Y Sommer(R)

Representative McAsey, Chairperson, from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Charter School Policy to which the following were referred, action taken on March 4, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass as amended” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 397.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 397 is as follows:

7, Yeas; 5, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y McAsey(D), Chairperson	Y Martwick(D), Vice-Chairperson
N Sosnowski(R), Republican Spokesperson	N Anthony(R)
Y Guzzardi(D) (replacing Burke, D.)	Y Chapa LaVia(D)
Y Davis, Monique(D)	N Demmer(R)
Y Ford(D) (replacing Drury)	Y Welch(D) (replacing Moeller)
N Sullivan(R)	N Wheeler, Barbara(R)

Representative Franks, Chairperson, from the Committee on State Government Administration to which the following were referred, action taken on March 4, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 200, 373 and 1365.

That the bill be reported “do pass as amended” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 1498.

That the resolution be reported “recommends be adopted” and be placed on the House Calendar:
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2.

The committee roll call vote on House Bills 200, 373, 1365 and 1498; House Joint Resolution 2 is as follows:

14, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Franks(D), Chairperson	Y Yingling(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Pritchard(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Andrade(D)
Y Bennett(R)	Y Cloonen(D)
Y Harris, David(R)	Y McDermed(R)
Y McSweeney(R)	Y Mitchell, Christian(D)
Y Morrison(R)	Y Mussman(D)
Y Sente(D)	Y Willis(D)

Representative Hoffman, Chairperson, from the Committee on Labor & Commerce to which the following were referred, action taken on March 4, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the resolution be reported “recommends be adopted” and be placed on the House Calendar:
HOUSE RESOLUTION 146; HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 28.

The committee roll call vote on House Resolution 146 is as follows:

16, Yeas; 9, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hoffman(D), Chairperson	Y Jones(D), Vice-Chairperson
N Kay(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Arroyo(D)
N Bellock(R)	Y Lilly(D) (replacing Bradley)
N Brady(R)	N Breen(R)
Y Burke, Kelly(D)	A Cabello(R)
Y Cassidy(D)	Y D'Amico(D)
Y Davis, William(D)	Y Hernandez(D)
Y Hurley(D)	N Ives(R)
Y Phelps(D)	N Phillips(R)
Y Smiddy(D)	N Stewart(R)
Y Tabares(D)	N Tryon(R)
Y Walsh(D)	Y Sims(D) (replacing Welch)
N Wheeler, Keith(R)	Y Williams(D)

The committee roll call vote on House Joint Resolution 28 is as follows:

26, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hoffman(D), Chairperson	Y Jones(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Kay(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Arroyo(D)
Y Bellock(R)	Y Lilly(D) (replacing Bradley)
Y Brady(R)	Y Breen(R)
Y Burke, Kelly(D)	Y Cabello(R)
Y Cassidy(D)	Y D'Amico(D)
Y Davis, William(D)	Y Hernandez(D)
Y Hurley(D)	Y Ives(R)
Y Phelps(D)	Y Phillips(R)
Y Smiddy(D)	Y Stewart(R)
Y Tabares(D)	Y Tryon(R)
Y Walsh(D)	Y Sims(D) (replacing Welch)
Y Wheeler, Keith(R)	Y Williams(D)

Jackson, Chairperson, from the Committee on Counties & Townships to which the following were referred, action taken on March 5, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 417.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 417 is as follows:

8, Yeas; 2, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Jackson(D), Chairperson	Y Verschoore(D), Vice-Chairperson
A Moffitt(R), Republican Spokesperson	N Bourne(R)
N Cavaletto(R)	Y Fine(D) (replacing Conroy)
Y McDermed(R)	Y Phillips(R)
Y Riley(D)	Y Walsh(D)
Y Beiser(D) (replacing Yingling)	

Representative Lang, Chairperson, from the Committee on Special Committee on Substance Abuse to which the following were referred, action taken on March 5, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the resolution be reported “recommends be adopted” and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE RESOLUTION 136.

The committee roll call vote on House Resolution 136 is as follows:

8, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Lang(D), Chairperson	Y McAuliffe(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Reaves-Harris(D) (replacing Costello)	Y Hurley(D)
Y Ives(R)	Y Welch(D)
Y Willis(D)	Y Winger(R)

Representative Fine, Chairperson, from the Committee on Youth & Young Adults to which the following were referred, action taken on March 5, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the resolution be reported “recommends be adopted” and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE RESOLUTION 166.

The committee roll call vote on House Resolution 166 is as follows:

7, Yeas; 4, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Fine(D), Chairperson	Y Conroy(D), Vice-Chairperson
N Davidsmeyer(R), Republican Spokesperson	N Brown(R)
N Bryant(R)	Y Demmer(R)
Y Davis, M.(D) (replacing Flowers)	Y Gabel(D)
A Hurley(D)	N Ives(R)
Y Manley(D)	Y Moylan(D)

Representative Lilly, Chairperson, from the Committee on Museums, Arts, & Cultural Enhancement to which the following were referred, action taken on March 5, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 208.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 208 is as follows:

8, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Lilly(D), Chairperson	Y Welch(D) (replacing Gabel)
Y Sommer(R) (replacing McAuliffe)	Y Andersson(R)
Y Burke, Kelly(D)	Y Butler(R)
A Davis, Monique(D)	Y Martwick(D)
Y Wheeler, Barbara(R)	

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 231

Offered by Representative Bellock:

WHEREAS, Someone develops Alzheimer's disease every 67 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is on the rise with 5.4 million Americans currently living with the disease and an estimated 16 million Americans projected to be diagnosed with the disease by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Currently, 210,000 people in Illinois live with the disease; there will be 260,000 in 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death and an unrelenting, progressive condition that destroys brain cells, and currently no cure or even a way to slow the progression of the disease exists; Alzheimer's places significant financial burdens on families and businesses, with businesses losing billions a year in lost productivity and replacement expenses for employees who miss work or quit to care for a relative; and

WHEREAS, In Illinois in 2013, there were 587,000 Illinois family members and friends who provided over 668 million hours of unpaid care, valued at \$8.3 billion, to their loved ones with Alzheimer's and other dementias; and

WHEREAS, The impact of Alzheimer's and other dementias on Illinois families, the health care system, and society as a whole is of great importance; the need for home and community-based services for those with Alzheimer's is on the rise and caregiver stress is at an all-time high; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a looming public health crisis and we call upon all policymakers to join in the efforts to raise awareness and to serve the hundreds of thousands of persons with Alzheimer's and other dementias in Illinois, their families, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2015, Alzheimer's advocates will speak up for the needs and rights of people with Alzheimer's and their families and ask the Illinois legislature to make Alzheimer's disease a priority public health issue in the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we proclaim March 11, 2015 as the Annual Alzheimer's Association Advocacy Day in the State of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 232

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, Due to federal health care reform, an integrated care pilot program in Northern Illinois, and statewide Medicaid reform, a managed care approach to providing Medicaid coverage is no longer up for debate making Medicaid managed care a reality in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Managed care has proven a sometimes inefficient provider of health care coverage especially for long-term care and those individuals - typically the elderly or people with disabilities - receiving it; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' pilot program and the recent Medicaid reform law make it mandatory for managed care to provide the services expected in a long-term care setting, which is a potentially risky scenario for those receiving these kinds of services; and

WHEREAS, A number of other states have discontinued managed care for people with disabilities and the elderly, including California which found it more cost-effective not to utilize managed care after an extensive overhaul of the state's health care program; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is setting forth on this venture with two for-profit managed care organizations under contract, while not exploring other entities to provide quality care, such as not-for-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Institute on Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is overseeing the consumer satisfaction levels and the managed care organizations' competency for the test population in the pilot program; nonetheless, only an estimated 40,000 individuals with disabilities are in the pilot program area and targeted to receive services; as Illinois Medicaid reform and federal health care reform become the norm for Medicaid recipients in this State, a conservative estimate is that 2.4 million people currently receive Medicaid, and approximately 1.2 million people - or 50% of the Medicaid population - under that program will move into a managed care system, as mandated by the Illinois Medicaid reform law; this increased number will not receive monitoring from UIC and, possibly, will not receive the adequate follow-up, thereby, leaving them more susceptible to fraudulent practices, abuse, neglect, and insufficient care through providers and the managed care organizations; as Illinois moves toward transitioning 50% of the Medicaid population to a managed care system, as with the pilot program, no other plans except those involving for-profit managed care organizations are presently receiving serious discussion; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created in the Department of Healthcare and Family Services the Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Task Force to monitor how Illinois approaches and manages a new form of health care delivery system based on a managed care model, particularly for people with disabilities and the elderly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve without compensation; the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall facilitate the Task Force and provide the Task Force with administrative support, but shall have no hand in guiding its direction or ascertaining its results; the Task Force shall meet quarterly and report on its findings to the General Assembly and its appropriate committees; reports from the Task Force shall indicate (i) whether individuals within the pilot program and the intended 50% of Medicaid recipients transitioned into managed care are satisfied with their health outcomes, can access all necessary forms of medical care, and received all necessary information from the State and the Department regarding the changes to their health care delivery system; and (ii) any other satisfaction indicators deemed applicable by the Task Force, especially with the knowledge of how UIC conducted satisfaction surveys; the Task Force's life span shall continue until January 1, 2017, unless the General Assembly deems a longer tenure necessary, as that date would mark the two-year anniversary of the transition of Medicaid enrollees into managed care programs, as mandated by the newly enacted Medicaid reform law in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That upon receiving reports from the Task Force, the General Assembly and all appropriate committees therein must take the necessary steps to ensure all individuals receiving health care through a managed care delivery system are satisfied with that care and are not receiving worse care as a result; if the General Assembly finds negative outcomes per reports from the Task Force, it should amend the process by which managed care is put to use for Medicaid recipients, especially for people with disabilities and the elderly, and further, if the reports are positive or neutral, the General Assembly should decide whether to continue monitoring the program for a set period to ensure that all recipients receive the best quality health care available to them under a managed care process; and be it further

RESOLVED, That as changes to health care delivery improve or changes come to pass based on new laws passed by the State or federal government, the General Assembly must decide if continuing the use of the managed care approach is the most appropriate, cost-effective, and beneficial means in providing health care to Medicaid recipients in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor and to the Director of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 233

Offered by Representative Bryant:

WHEREAS, The Tamms Correctional Center opened in 1995 in Tamms, Alexander County as a 200-bed minimum-security prison; in 1998, it expanded, adding a 500-bed super-maximum-security facility, designed to hold the most dangerous and violent male prisoners in the State; and

WHEREAS, The Tamms Correctional Center was in operation as a super-maximum-security prison from 1998 until its closure in January of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the opening of the Tamms Correctional Center, dangerous and violent inmates could strengthen their power and still run criminal organizations from prison through prison gangs and networks across the State correctional system; and

WHEREAS, Some of the most violent and disruptive inmates would commit transgressions against correctional staff until it became severe enough for the inmate to be transferred to a new correctional facility; once at the new facility these transgressions would continue forcing the new correctional facility to again transfer the inmate; and

WHEREAS, The continued disruptive actions by an inmate in order to be repeatedly transferred to new facilities became known as "riding the correctional circuit"; inmates would do this in an attempt to eventually be transferred to the facility that they desired in order to strengthen their power within prison gangs and increase their network; and

WHEREAS, The opening of the Tamms Correctional Center helped put an end to prisoners riding the correctional circuit; after the opening, when inmates would continue to lash out against correctional officers and other inmates after being transferred, they would then be sent to Tamms until the violent behavior ceased; and

WHEREAS, The opening of the Tamms Correctional Center also helped increase safety at all correctional centers across the State because the most violent and disruptive inmates were isolated; this helped to reduce major incidents at prisons, reduce the number of lockdowns, and greatly improve the safety of the staff working at the correctional centers; and

WHEREAS, Following the closure of the Tamms Correctional Center in January of 2013, the inmates were transferred to maximum security prisons; this put a strain on the already overly crowded State correctional system; with the maximum-security prisons taking in more inmates, many of their existing inmates were then transferred to lower-security facilities; this trend rippled through the State system; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the State correctional system holds around 49,000 inmates, however the facilities that are open are designed to hold around 32,000 inmates; with the State's prisons being so drastically overcrowded, staff and inmate safety has again become a major cause of concern; and

WHEREAS, The current levels of inmates in the overly crowded State correctional system has caused major concern for the safety of staff working in the prisons; at Pickneyville Correctional Center on September 25, 2013, inmate Rodolfo Rosas attacked 3 male guards and one female guard; they were taken to an area hospital and treated for various injuries, including a broken nose; and

WHEREAS, Overcrowded correctional facilities are not just a safety problem for staff but also create a dangerous atmosphere for other inmates; since the closure of the Tamms Correctional Center, other facilities having to deal with the over-population issue have resorted to moving hundreds of inmates into a gymnasium as cells have become too crowded; and

WHEREAS, Incidents of violent fights between inmates have increased since the closure of the Tamms Correctional Center because the current correctional system is having difficulty handling the over-populated prisons; and

WHEREAS, If the State of Illinois would reopen the Tamms Correctional Center it could help increase safety inside the State's correctional centers for both the staff and inmates; the reopening of Tamms would also greatly help to reduce the strain over the State's over-populated correctional centers; and

WHEREAS, The Tamms Correctional Center should be reopened in order to ensure the best outcomes for inmates and staff in helping to keep people safe and in helping aid in rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, An adult administrative segregation unit can help to separate gang activity and gang leaders and help to deter future violent and dangerous behavior from inmates; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Governor Rauner to reopen the Tamms Correctional Center as a new adult administrative segregation unit, to help control the over-crowding in the State's correction system and to ensure the safety of correctional staff and inmates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to Governor Rauner and the Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 234

Offered by Representative Bradley:

WHEREAS, A Funeral Director in the State of Illinois must obtain a license from the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation; no person may practice funeral directing without a license, or without having a fixed place of practice or being employed by or under contract with an establishment devoted to that practice; and

WHEREAS, A Funeral Director cannot work out of a storefront, office space inside of an office building, or any other facility that is unlicensed as a stand-alone funeral parlor; and

WHEREAS, Any action of a person falsely claiming to be a licensed Funeral Director or working out of a temporary establishment is in violation of State law; and

WHEREAS, The license requirements for Funeral Directors are stated in the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code (225 ILCS 41/5-5 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, It has become known in recent years that the practice of curbstome funeral directing is taking place in cities around the State; and

WHEREAS, The illegal practice of curbstome funeral directing is a major concern because it takes advantage of people during a difficult and emotional time; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to investigate the occurrences of illegal curbstome funeral directing across the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Director of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, Indigency has been a persistent social problem throughout history and has reached an intolerable level throughout our country; and

WHEREAS, People in urban, suburban, and rural areas of Illinois experience indigency, proving that it is not just a big city problem; and

WHEREAS, Each year sees an increase in the number of deaths among those who lack funds to provide the barest essentials of life; and

WHEREAS, Bitter cold winters and extremely hot summers have cost the lives of those individuals who simply could not afford heating or air coolants and died from exposure; and

WHEREAS, In remembering those who have died, we must reach out to help those in need; the extent to which our society can counter the effects of indigency is a good measure of its humaneness; and

WHEREAS, W. Earl Lewis served as Director of the Memorial Ministry of Indigent Persons until his death and in his capacity as Director, advocated for recognition of a day of remembrance for indigent persons; and

WHEREAS, On May 27, 2015, the people of Chicago will gather for the 30th Annual Interfaith Memorial Service for Indigent People at the Chicago Temple/First United Methodist Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we proclaim Wednesday May 27, 2015, as "We Remember, We Care for Indigent Persons Day in Illinois", and that we urge all citizens to observe, inform themselves of, and support efforts to care for the indigent; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to all of the celebrants of "We Remember, We Care for Indigent Persons Day in Illinois".

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, Senior members of Congress are seeking major changes to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) when the program's funding expires in September 2015; and

WHEREAS, Their proposal, labeled a "discussion draft" for legislation, is being circulated by Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah, chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance; Representative Fred Upton of Michigan, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee; and Representative Joe Pitts of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Subcommittee on Health; and

WHEREAS, The legislative proposal would reduce federal financing of CHIP for families with incomes above 250% of the federal poverty level and eliminate federal help for those with incomes above 300% of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, The legislative proposal would also eliminate an increase in the federal matching rate for CHIP that is scheduled to go into effect in 2016 in all states; and

WHEREAS, The legislative proposal could deprive more than a million children of insurance or force their families to pay higher out-of-pocket costs for their coverage; and

WHEREAS, The legislative proposal threatens to undermine the progress made in reducing the number of uninsured children, gains that came from enrolling more children in Medicaid and in CHIP, which covers children whose families earn too much to qualify for Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, The legislative proposal would eliminate the Affordable Care Act's requirement that states keep the family-income eligibility levels stable until 2019; and

WHEREAS, The legislative proposal could make it more difficult for families to prove their eligibility; and

WHEREAS, Faced with a loss of federal funds for CHIP, as suggested in the legislative proposal, many states would probably shrink their CHIP programs and reduce their own financial contributions; and

WHEREAS, The legislative proposal would also eliminate a requirement that states enroll children who are just above the poverty line in Medicaid; and enable states to move them from Medicaid back to CHIP, where enrollments are often limited by budget caps; and

WHEREAS, The legislative proposal would allow states to impose a 12-month waiting period (up from the current 90 days) before children who lose coverage from a parent's insurance plan can be enrolled in CHIP; and

WHEREAS, By contrast, bills introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate would extend federal CHIP financing for the next 4 years and essentially continue the program along current lines; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge all members of the Illinois congressional delegation to support legislation which would extend federal financing for the Children's Health Insurance Program for the next 4 years and continue the program along current lines and to oppose legislation which would restrict children's access to health care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor, the members of the Illinois congressional delegation, and President Barack Obama.

At the hour of 1:33 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.