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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Larry Garcia, who is with the Pentecostal Community Church in Bradley, Illinois. Pastor Garcia is the guest of Representative Cloonen. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Garcia."

Pastor Garcia: "Let us bow our heads in prayer. Lord, I stand today here humbling as Your servant before a great assembly of men and women and government Leaders of our state. We want to thank these honorable men and women for their hard work that they have put forth. It is not an easy task that they have before them especially in the times that we are currently living. We recognize that we are just mere men and women and only You can give the power and the strength that is needed to do what is right. We are asking You to give these Leaders that are present here today the wisdom that they'll need and as they look to the future and the direction of our state, Lord, we ask You to be with them. History has shown us that taking Your path... led to a certainty of a hope and knowing this will help us to listen to your voice of wisdom and then we will have the assurance that Your will is being done and not ours. Just like the good Samaritan compels us all, oh Lord, to always feel compassionate for those that are truly in need. Gently guide these men and women as You quietly assure them of the resolutions that they'll make to help the less fortunate that live throughout our communities such as our neighbors

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and families and friends and strangers. Direct these honorable men and women in there law-making process, lead them to make the right choices, order their steps so that when the day is done they may feel good about what they accomplished. These walls of this great assembly room echo the voices of the men and women of the past, who had the fortitude to press forward during times of adversity. Let those voices remind us again to do what is in the best interest of the people. Also, Lord, we are grateful for the service of brave men and women of our state who serve in countries in the time of war. Help us not to forget to pray for them and their families. Keep Your hand of protection upon those who are currently serving in harm's way on foreign soil, comfort their families and bring them, their children, home safely. In closing, give us a desire to always seek Your face daily. May this chamber and the people present here today always turn to You and feel the power of Your presence in this place and wherever they may go. Let Your name and Your spirit not only lead us but also be in us so that our heart, our soul and mind may reflect You. We stand in this place in unison, at this moment, to give You all the honor and the glory. And in Your name we pray, for all things are possible through You, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We will be led in the Pledge today by Representative Ives."

Ives - 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 Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that there are no House Democrats excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect all Republicans are present today as well."

Speaker Lang: "Take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 118 Members of the House in attendance. All of the Members of the House are in attendance and there is a quorum. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on February 6, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 100. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson on Judiciary reports the following committee action taken on February 6, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 71; do pass Standard Debate is House Bill 130. Representative Jackson, Chairperson from the Committee on County & Townships reports the following committee action taken on February 6, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 164. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on February 6, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 123. Representative Chapa LaVia Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on February 6, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 161; do pass Standard Debate is House Bill 3, House Bill 77; and do pass as amended Standard Debate is House Bill 129."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 52, offered by Representative Lilly. House Resolution 53, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 54, offered by Representative Martwick. And House Resolution 55, offered by Representative Kay."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The House will be at ease for a few moments. Mr. Unes, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have a lot of very important guests with us today. Two of those guests are from Tazewell County, the former and longtime coroner of Tazewell County, Dennis Conover and his wife Tam... Tammy Conover are with us. I would like them to please rise and be recognized. If we could welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield, have a good day. Representative Mayfield, for what reason do you rise?"

Mayfield: "I rise on a point of personal privilege. In keeping with the fact that this is African-American history month, I'd like to bring you some information on one of our great African Americans, his name is Garrett Morgan. Garrett Morgan was an African-American inventor and businessman. He was the first person to patent a traffic signal. He also developed the gas mask and many other inventions. Morgan

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used his gas mask to rescue miners who were trapped underground in a noxious mine. Soon after, he was asked to produce gas masks for the U.S. Army. Thank you. That is your Black History fact for today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Jones, for what reason do you rise?"

Jones: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Jones: "I would like the Body to recognize a previous speaker who is elected the chairman of the Illinois House Black Caucus. Representative Rita Mayfield was elected yesterday, so I would like to give her a congratulations."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations, Representative."

Jones: "And additionally, I have three points wrapped into one. I would like to recognize my colleague, Representative Chris Welch on his 21st birthday."

Speaker Lang: "Happy birthday, Sir, 21, very exciting. Mr. Hays."

Hays: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please state your point, Sir."

Hays: "Just above me Vermilion County Board vice chair and chair of the Vermilion County Republican Party, Mike Marron and his wife Brandy have joined us Welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Sims, for what reason do you rise?"

Sims: "On a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Sims: "Tomorrow we're going to have my seatmate will have her 21st birthday chairman Robyn Gabel. So, we got... wish Robyn a happy birthday."

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Speaker Lang: "So do any of these birthday folks have any cakes or cookies they're going to share with the Body? Apparently not. Mr. Tryon."

Tryon: "Mr. Speaker, I rise for a point of personal privilege. I would certainly appreciate a warm welcome to the McHenry County Board Chairman Tina Hill, who's in our gallery today. If you would join with me and welcome her to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Monique Davis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Davis, M.: "We just want to alert everyone that you see the women wearing beautiful shades of red and the men wearing beautiful shades of red ties, it's in recognition of the American Heart Association Heart Month. And we're asking all of those who would like to, to meet at the podium after Session for a photo. So, can we have a warm clap for the American Heart Association for kicking off this month. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Sandack: "Thank you, Sir. I just want to give a House welcome to two friends and colleagues of mine who have traveled from Downers Grove. Laura Crawford from the Downers Grove

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Chamber of Commerce and Greg Bedalov from Choose DuPage,
two of Downers Grove's finest."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Madigan: "Speaker Madigan in the Chair. The regular
Session will stand in recess. The Doorkeeper is recognized
for an announcement. Mr. 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, admit the honorable Senators.
As designated in House Joint Resolution #7, the hour of 12
noon having arrived, the Joint Session of the 98th General
Assembly will now come to order. Will the Members of the
House and our guests from the Senate please take their
seats. Mr. Clerk, is a quorum of the House present?"

Clerk Bolin: "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.
Ladies and Gentlemen, we need everybody to take their seat
and we need the Members of the Senate to find somewhere to
sit. Everyone take their seat, please. Ladies and
Gentlemen, please take your seats. Let's end the
conversations. Ladies and Gentlemen, please take your
seats. Would everyone please take their seats and end the
conversations. Please end the conversations. We would like

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to recognize dignitaries who have joined us today. First, the Chief of Staff to the Governor, Mr. Jack Lavin, Senior Advisor to the Governor, Jerry Stermer; Legislative Director to the Governor, former House Member, Gary Hannig; the Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon, the Attorney General Lisa Madigan; the Secretary of State Jesse White; The Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka; the Treasurer Dan Rutherford; the Auditor General, Bill Holland; the Superintendent of Education, Chris Koch; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Tom Kilbride; the chair of the Illinois Arts Council, and the mother of four wonderful children, Shirley Madigan. 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 Bolin: "Joint Session Resolution #1

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.

Representative Kelly Cassidy

Representative Keith Farnham

Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth

Representative Brad Halbrook

Representative Donald Moffitt

Senator Napoleon Harris

Senator Julie Morrison

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Senator Steve Stadelman

Senator Karen McConnaughay

Senator Jim Oberweis

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'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution, is adopted. Pursuant to the Resolution the following are appointed as a committee to escort the Governor. The appointments from the House would be Representative Cassidy, Representative Farnham, Representative Jehan Gordon, Representative Brad Halbrook, Representative Don Moffitt."

President Cullerton: "The appointments from the Senate are; Senator Napoleon Harris, Senator Julie Morrison, Senator Steve Stadelman, Senator Karen McConnaughay, Senator Jim Oberweis."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escorts please convene at the rear of the chamber and await His Excellency, the Governor. The doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement."

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."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper admit the Honorable Governor.
Mr. Governor."

Governor Quinn: "President John Cullerton, and Speaker Mike Madigan, Leaders Christine Radogno and Tom Cross, Members of the General Assembly and distinguished guests. Good afternoon. It's an honor to address you at the start of a new Legislative Session and let me, again, welcome our 38 new Legislators, men and women committed to serving their districts and our state. We are joined this afternoon by Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon, Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Secretary of State Jesse White, Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka, Treasurer Dan Rutherford, Auditor General Bill Holland, Superintendent of Education Chris Koch. Justice Kilbride, thank you for being here. We want to thank all of those who are present here today. And we want to thank in particular, Secretary White, for a career of public service and the impact that you have made in reducing traffic fatalities over the past four years to historic lows in our state. I'd also like to recognize today Erin Merryn, who worked tirelessly and advocated to give us 'Erin's Law' to prevent sexual assault and abuse of children. Thank you, Erin. Thank you. And as we gather here today, let us also thank our Illinois men and women in uniform, whose service and sacrifice make occasions like this possible. We're honored to have with us today Sergeant James Cissell, a Lead Firefighter with the Illinois National Guard 662nd Fire Fighting Team based in Sparta. Last year, Sergeant Cissell was scheduled to leave military service, but instead he volunteered to extend his service

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so he could deploy with his unit to Afghanistan. There, he and his 7-man team responded to dozens of fires and emergencies. He just returned to his wife Angela and children Courtney, Cori, and Cody in October. Sergeant Cissell, you are a man of great courage. This year, we mark the 10th anniversary of the Illinois Military Family Relief Trust Fund, a program which has provided more than \$14 million to support families of our deployed service members, including Sergeant Cissell and his family last year. In Illinois, we understand the profound debt of gratitude we owe our heroes. And I'm proud to say, on behalf of the people of Illinois, to Sergeant Cissell, and to all our service members, our veterans, and their families, thank you for your service and sacrifice. Fellow citizens of Illinois, I am here to report on the state of our state. And let there be no mistake, our state is at a critical juncture. We have made strong progress in the last four years, on everything from creating jobs and reforming our education system, to enacting strong ethical standards and improving our roads, bridges, and rail systems like never before. We have moved Illinois forward, but we have much more to do. And at this point, each and every one of us has a choice to make about what we want our Illinois to look like. Do we want, in the years to come, a prosperous Illinois where working people continue to have good jobs, where businesses thrive and where all our children have a world-class education? Or do we want to stop the progress and watch our economic recovery stall? This is a choice about whether we will make the tough decisions necessary to

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balance our budget by reforming our public pension systems or whether we will let our jobs, our safety, and our schools be squeezed out by skyrocketing pension costs. We have a tall task ahead of us. This is no small issue. And doing what's hard isn't always what's popular at the moment, but we must remember that hard is not impossible. In fact, last year we made major progress on some of the most impossible issues that have ever confronted our state. We overhauled our Medicaid program and saved it from the brink of collapse. We abolished the troubled legislative scholarship program. And we successfully closed 54 state facilities, saving taxpayers \$100 million a year. We did these hard things working together, in good faith, across the aisle and that's because we're not an Illinois of 13 million individuals, each going their own separate way. No, we're a community. A community of shared values. And we all share a vision of a better Illinois. An Illinois that is more prosperous, an Illinois that embraces all people. Whose communities are safe and whose children are educated for the good jobs of the future. We all want this. This is our Illinois. And we've made great strides toward making it a reality. Our Illinois is a place where everyone has an opportunity to work and where our companies innovate and grow. When I took the oath of office four years ago, Illinois had not had a jobs program to build highways, bridges and schools in more than 10 years. Within 10 weeks, we passed Illinois Jobs Now, the largest public works investment in our state's history and between that and our tollway initiative, we've been investing \$43 billion to

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build and strengthen our infrastructure. This is supporting more than half a million jobs across Illinois. Construction workers, like operating engineer Dawn Voce, who is with us today, have been busy working. Thank you, Dawn. Dawn and her fellow workers are ready to rebuild the Jane Addams Tollway to Rockford. They're building a bridge across the Mississippi River in East St. Louis. And they've already completed the new Wacker Drive in Chicago, but we have much more to do. So, Members of the General Assembly, let's enact House Bill 190 without delay and keep those construction jobs going. That's our Illinois. Now four years ago, many thought high-speed rail was a pipe dream, but now, we're making it a reality in Illinois, creating thousands of jobs and paving the way for more economic growth. Four years ago, we had leaky pipes and broken water mains and obsolete wastewater treatment facilities, some of the pipes still in use in Chicago were laid when Ulysses S. Grant was President of our country. That's why one year ago, right here in this chamber, I made the commitment to every Illinois resident to update our water systems and make sure that everyone has access to clean drinking water. Through our Illinois Clean Water Initiative, we're investing \$1 billion in clean water supporting more than 28 thousand jobs to replace broken water systems, upgrade sewers, and clean up environmental threats. And to Larry Swope of the Illinois Pipe Trades, and Jim Coyne, head of Plumbers Local 130, thank you for your hard work. We're investing in clean water in Pekin, in Princeton, in Hinckley, in Elmhurst, in Flanagan, and in Chicago. And we

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have much more to do. Soon, we'll be putting workers on the job for new clean water projects in Kankakee, Murphysboro and all across Cook County. We are leading the way in creating clean water jobs. That's our Illinois. In our Illinois, small business means big business. Driving economic growth for small business requiring... requires doing all we can to make sure government is not in the way while always protecting the health and safety of consumers. Four years ago, Illinois had one of the worst and most burdensome worker compensation systems in the country. That didn't help our businesses or our workers, so we reformed the system, saving business millions of dollars in insurance premiums. And we did it working together, with both Parties and thank you, Leader Christine Radogno. Achieving this reform was not easy, but hard is not impossible. We all know that business requires capital. And four years ago, capital was hard to find as all of Illinois suffered from the Great Recession. So we invested in our small businesses, providing \$23 million in federal funding to scores of companies through Advantage Illinois. And we've awarded microloans to hundreds of businesses, primarily to minority and women-owned businesses in high-need communities. In the past four years, we've increased the participation of minority- and women-owned firms in state contracts- and we're going to do more. Our efforts at helping businesses like Urban Juncture in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood, where owner Bernard Loyd is creating 70 jobs and tackling the food desert. That's what we want to do and we want to thank Bernard for putting

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people back to work. Thank you, Bernard. In our Illinois, working people find good jobs not just for today but for tomorrow. We've worked to expand our Clean Energy Economy, creating 10 thousand green collar jobs, but we have much more to do. We're making our buildings more efficient; we're expanding our renewable energy capacity. That's what our Illinois looks like. To create the 21st century jobs, we're also investing in innovation. We worked with Argonne National Laboratory to bring a new research facility to Illinois. In the next five years, Argonne will lead a public-private team to create the next-generation battery. A battery that is five times cheaper and lasts five times longer than today's batteries. We also helped create 1871, a digital hub that is now home to more than 200 startups, but there's a lot more to be done. Now it's the time to take the same innovative, public-private partnership approach to advanced manufacturing. In the last three years, manufacturing has been one of our state's leading growth sectors, creating nearly 40 thousand new manufacturing jobs. We're at the cutting edge of advanced manufacturing, and we need to stay there. That's why we're partnering with the University of Illinois and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications to create an advanced manufacturing hub where companies big and small can come to learn and use the world's most sophisticated tools and software. The Illinois Manufacturing Lab will make our manufacturers even more competitive. Now, in our Illinois, we leave no worker behind. As we create the next-generation jobs, we must ensure that our workers are

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equipped for these jobs. Today there are 140 thousand job openings in our state that are unfilled because the people looking for jobs don't have the necessary skills. So we're closing this skills gap. Over the past year, we've trained thousands of workers for jobs in high-demand industries like health care, manufacturing and construction. But let's not forget one community that already has great technical skills and training, that's our veterans. We need to make sure their military training counts here in Illinois. That's why, this morning, I signed an Executive Order that directs our licensing agencies to assess military training for state license requirements. Just last month, we completed a good first step, with the Board of Nursing approving a suggested 'bridge' curriculum for military medics to obtain LPN licenses. We owe it to our veterans, and to our companies to keep the process moving and that's exactly what my Executive Order will do. We'll help more companies hire more veterans and take advantage of the hiring Veterans Tax Credit that we passed last year. Our shared vision for a better Illinois also means that we must honor the productivity of our workers. Our businesses are only as good as the employees who drive their success. Nobody in Illinois should work 40 hours a week and live in poverty. That's a principle as old as the Bible. That's why, over the next four years, we must raise the minimum wage to at least \$10 an hour and Senator Kim Lightford, you are doing the right thing with your mission to raise the minimum wage. And as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, it's always the right time to do the right thing. Dr. King

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also said, 'Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.' In our Illinois, everyone should have access to decent health care. Twelve years ago, when I walked 167 miles across Illinois, I met a young mother in Mendota who worked full-time as a waitress. She didn't have health insurance. That wasn't right then and it's not right now. Hundreds of thousands of working people in Illinois today do not have health coverage. Fortunately, thanks to President Barack Obama, we now have the Affordable Care Act, which will improve the health of the people of Illinois and create thousands of jobs. But to make this a reality, we must act now. We have work to do. So I call upon the General Assembly to increase access to Medicaid health coverage for the uninsured and to create the Illinois Health Insurance Exchange. I want to thank Speaker Mike Madigan for his commitment to ensure that we reap the benefits of the Affordable Care Act. And to the Members of the Legislative Black Caucus, thank you for making sure it's everybody in and nobody left out. We also share a vision of an Illinois where every child is prepared to succeed, and that starts with education reform. Four years ago, Illinois was behind. But now we're setting the reform agenda for the nation. I signed into law education reforms that put the students of Illinois first. These reforms have improved school report cards, so that parents are empowered with more information about the schools that educate their kids. These reforms also set clear benchmarks for teacher evaluation and put performance above tenure. And in addition to these reforms,

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we've invested \$45 million to build early childhood centers in high-need communities across Illinois, including in Carpentersville, in Dolton, and in Cahokia, but there's much more work to do. And that's why we're rededicating a new Lincoln Hall at the University of Illinois next week, that's why we're building Phase II of a new campus for Western Illinois in the Quad Cities and that's why we've just completed a new automotive aeronautics building at SIU in Carbondale. In our Illinois, anything is possible especially when it comes to educating our students. But let's be frank. The pension squeeze is draining our ability to teach our students. Our children are being shortchanged and in the end, that shortchanges our economy, too. That's not our Illinois. In our Illinois, we find a way to get hard things done. We address the hard issues. Issues like the threat of gun violence. Last December, our hearts broke along with the parents of the children who died in the horrific massacre in Newtown, Connecticut. And our hearts break every day with families who suffer from violence in Illinois communities, families like the Pendletons, whose daughter Hadiya was stolen from us last week. I spoke with Hadiya's family on Monday. There are no words in the English language or any language to relieve the pain of parents who lose a child. In the Old Testament, the prophet Jeremiah wept day and night for the slain of his people. Today, we all weep over the senseless violence in our communities, but as elected officials, we're in a position to do something about it. We have life-saving work to do. We cannot wait for another tragedy to happen before we take

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action. We must move forward with a comprehensive plan that includes gun safety legislation, mental health care, and violence prevention strategies. That's why today, I ask you to move forward with strong public safety legislation that will safeguard the people of Illinois. We must prohibit the sale of assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines in Illinois. Of course, we must abide by the Second Amendment, but there is no place in our state for military-style assault weapons designed for rapid fire at human targets at close range. And I want to thank Orland Park Police Chief and former Secret Service agent Tim McCarthy, an American hero who saved the life of President Ronald Reagan, for his help on this issue. Thank you, Tim. We must ensure that guns are kept out of everyday public places, because guns don't belong in our schools, shopping malls, or sports stadiums. And we must make Illinois safer by strengthening background checks and by requiring gun owners to report lost or stolen guns. And I want to salute Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and State's Attorney Anita Alvarez, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel for their leadership on this issue. We must also empower our law enforcement to keep guns from falling into the wrong hands and that means we need reliable mental health records. For years, counties across our state have not been reporting their mental health records to the Illinois State Police. This year we need every county to step up and do its part to ensure that mental health records are updated in real time. If there's one thing that we can learn from Newtown, it is that we can never rest when it comes to school

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safety. Last month, I convened a School Safety Summit with education, public safety, mental health and law enforcement leaders to identify better ways to protect our schools. Our students and our teachers can never be too prepared. That's why we should pass legislation that will require every school to practice active safety drills that will prepare them for even the worst. Our public safety agenda is both comprehensive and common sense. Together, we can get it done because that's our Illinois. We also believe in an Illinois where people from all walks of life are welcome. And over the past four years, we've made major strides towards achieving this vision of a more perfect democracy. We share the belief that everyone deserves an opportunity to follow their dreams and reach their full potential. But four years ago, there was no scholarship program for high school graduates from immigrant families. We changed that by creating the Illinois Dream Commission. And this year, that Commission will start awarding scholarships to dreamers across Illinois. And just a few days ago, we made history in Illinois, becoming the fifth state in the union to legalize driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants. This will make our roads safer and our families stronger. Thank you, Representative Ed Acevedo and the entire Latino Caucus. Four years ago, Illinois lagged behind the nation in providing community care to people with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. We were institutionalizing more people than any other state, even though community care has proven to provide a better quality of life. So we're changing that. We're committed to

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making sure all our citizens, regardless of the challenges they face, have the opportunity to reach their full potential. That's why we closed outdated institutions and we invested in community care. We invested in people, people like Eddy Fleming. People like Eddy are now thriving with a better, more independent life. After 12 years of living at a state institution, Eddy recently moved to a community home. He chooses what he wants to eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. He goes shopping, he walks around his neighborhood, and he practices his guitar on his own porch. Eddy makes his own choices and chases his own dreams. That's our Illinois. I'm glad Eddy is here today because that's really what our government is all about, helping people like Eddy who need champions. And I'm pleased to announce today that because of our commitment, Illinois will soon receive significant new resources to provide supportive housing for people like Eddie and people with disabilities across Illinois. These resources will not only provide a roof over their heads, but also the skills training, the counseling, and the services they need to become productive members of their communities. And we're not done yet. We want Illinois to be the nation's leading employer of people with disabilities. With your partnership, we can double the rate of employment for people with disabilities by 2015. Our Illinois is an 'employment first' state, but our Illinois is not a land of discrimination. Four years ago, nobody thought civil unions would be possible here. Today, civil unions are the law of our state and nearly 5,200 couples across 94 counties have

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joined in a civil union. Now, it's time to take that next step in achieving full equality. Marriage equality is coming to Illinois. And yesterday was a great start in the Senate Executive Committee. I want to thank Senator Heather Steans and Representative Greg Harris for their work to move Illinois forward. Let's pass this Bill for marriage equality and let's do it now. Our democracy is strongest when more people and voters raise their voices at the ballot box. That's why Illinois should join 15 other states in making voter registration available online. We must move our election process into the 21st century. And while we're at it, let's pass a long overdue law to allow voters to participate in Primary Elections without having to publicly declare their Party affiliation. That's our Illinois. And in our Illinois, consumers are protected. Everyone in the marketplace deserves a fair shake. Four years ago, runaway bankers brought the Illinois economy to its knees. These shady operators peddled risky mortgage loan products costing far too many people their homes. We must protect our homeowners from this kind of fraud and abuse. And thank you, Senator Jackie Collins and former Representative Karen Yarbrough for your legislation to help people who are facing foreclosure. I will proudly sign your Bill into law this Friday. In Illinois, we do not forget about our hardest hit families during their hour of need. That's why we've helped 6,550 families in 92 counties stay in their homes through our Hardest Hit program. And more than half a million families received counseling and other resources through the Illinois Foreclosure Prevention Network that I

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launched last year. But there's much more to do. We want to help more families stay in their homes in the year to come. A fair shake for consumers also means protection from unfair practices by big utility companies. Thirty years ago, I spearheaded a referendum campaign which created the Illinois Citizens Utility Board, our watchdog over the utility giants. Since then, CUB has reduced utility rate hikes and won billions of dollars in refunds for consumers. Now more than ever, we need a strong consumer and... Citizen Utility Board and a strong Illinois Commerce Commission. That's why I'm nominating a proven advocate for the public interest, Miguel del Valle, to serve on the Illinois Commerce Commission. Thank you for your service, Miguel. And in our Illinois, we know that government belongs to the people, not to the officeholders. Citizens should be able at all times to trust their elected officials. Four years ago, Illinois was the Wild West of campaign fundraising and it showed. We had a corrupt Governor removed from office and headed to prison, and another already in prison, both for fundraising abuses. This was not our Illinois. So we changed it. We passed a strong Ethics Code for officeholders and public employees. For the first time in our history, we enacted campaign contribution limits and we gave the people of Illinois the ability to use the power of petition to recall a corrupt Governor. But our constant mission to restore integrity to government cannot end here. We have more work to do. In 1976, I led a petition drive to ban conflict of interest voting in the General Assembly. Six hundred thirty five thousand one hundred fifty eight

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voters signed this petition, the greatest number of signatures ever gathered on a single petition in Illinois history. Silence about conflict of interest voting wasn't our Illinois then, and it's not our Illinois now. We can do better. Conflicts of interest are regulated all over, from the Illinois Supreme Court, to right here in the Executive Branch and more than 30 states have banned conflict of interest voting, so should Illinois. With this reform, we can keep moving toward a State Government that always puts the people first, and a government that tackles the tough issues, no matter how hard. And that brings us back to the toughest of all issues, the public pension system which, left unreformed, is squeezing out education, public safety, and other vital services to the tune of \$17 million a day. In our communities, that squeeze looks like Crete-Monee District 201 eliminating art, music and PE classes for grade schoolers. In DuPage High School District 88, it looks like larger class sizes and less attention for students. And across Illinois, it looks like credit downgrades and fewer roads and bridges repaired. This is not our Illinois. In the last four years, we've created jobs, we've invested in our public works, and we've enacted major reforms. We've helped our auto industry recover, with Chrysler in Belvidere going from 200 jobs when I first took office to more than 4,500 jobs today. And we're bringing our economy back, lowering unemployment from 11.4 percent at the peak of the Great Recession to 8.7 percent today. But we have a long, long way to go and we cannot allow our economic recovery to be held hostage by the pension crisis.

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We simply must act. Our vision for our Illinois cannot be fully realized without pension reform. This problem cannot be delayed, deferred, or delegated to the next Session or to the next generation. President Cullerton, thank you for recognizing this, and thank you for your leadership in providing us a path forward through Senate Bill 1, a comprehensive Bill that stabilizes our pension systems and fixes the problem. And thank you, Leader Tom Cross and Representative Elaine Nekritz for working together on a bipartisan basis to make sure that pension reform is Job One for this General Assembly. And I urge all of you to be part of this solution. And while refinements may come, Senate Bill 1 is the best vehicle to get the job done. Hard is not impossible. Last year was an election year, but many of you in this chamber did not let that stop you from working together to reduce our Medicaid liability by \$2 billion. That wasn't easy to do with a \$14 billion program, but you did the right thing. You also worked with me to abolish the much-abused legislative scholarship program. That program was around for more than 100 years but you did the right thing. And when I proposed closing 54 facilities across Illinois to save taxpayers millions of dollars, some of you weren't happy, but we got it done because it was the right thing to do. And as you look around this chamber, please realize, you are the answer. What we all need in this coming Session is courage, real political courage to do the right thing. We don't need to look any further for examples of courage than our men and women in uniform. Men like Sergeant Tyler Ziegel, a proud Marine who grew up in

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Metamora, Illinois. And on Christmas Eve of 2004, Ty suffered massive and disfiguring injuries when a suicide bomber attacked near his vehicle in Iraq. Like so many of his fellow wounded warriors, Ty fought back. He fought back through 59 surgeries and untold emotional scars to become an advocate for veterans and military families. Last December, Sergeant Ziegel died in an accident. May his immortal soul rest in peace, he was a great Marine, Semper Fi and a man I was very proud to know. And if our service members like Tyler Ziegel can summon that kind of courage day after day, then surely we can summon political courage in the days to come. With courage, hard is not impossible. We are not a state we are not a people that shies away from hard things. Not in the Land of Lincoln, that Illinoisan who showed the whole country and all posterity what's possible when commitment and integrity are brought to bear. Together, we can guide Illinois safely through this pension challenge and we can continue to make our Illinois a reality, an Illinois whose people and businesses prosper, an Illinois which lives up to its proud history and which would make Abraham Lincoln himself proud. An Illinois in which the law... will of the people is the law of the land. Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escort please come forward to escort the Governor from the 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."

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Speaker Madigan: "The President of the Senate has moved that the Joint Session do now arise. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Joint Session will now arise. The regular Session will come to order. Providing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie moves that the House adjourned to Tuesday, February 19 at 12 noon. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 19 at 12 noon, providing perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1309, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1310, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1311, offered by Representative Cavaletto (sic-Costello), a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1312, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1313, offered by Representative Thapedi, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1314, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1315, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1316, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1317, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1318, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House

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Bill 1319, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1320, offered by Speaker... or Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1321, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1322, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1323, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1324, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1325, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1326, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1327, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1328, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 1329, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1330, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning land. House Bill 1331, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1332, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1333, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1334, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1335, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1336, offered by

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Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1337, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1338, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1339, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1340, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1341, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1342, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning lending practices. House Bill 1343, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1344, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1345, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1346, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1347, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1348, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1349, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1350, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 1351, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1352, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning

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public aid. House Bill 1353, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1354, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1355, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 1356, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1357, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1358, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 1359, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1360, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1361, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1362, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1363, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1364, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1365, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1366, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 1367, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1368, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning

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public aid. House Bill 1369, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 1370, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 1371, offered by Representative Harris, David, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1372, offered by Representative Harris, David, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1373, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 1374, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1375, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee retirement benefits. House Bill 1376, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1377, offered by Representative Burke, Daniel, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1378, offered by Representative Burke, Daniel, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 1379, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1380, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1381, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1382, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1383, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 1384, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning corporations. House Bill 1385, offered by

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Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 1386, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 1387, offered by Representative Marcus Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1388, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 1389, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1390, offered by Representative Yingling, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1391, offered by Representative Yingling, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1392, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1393, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1394, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1395, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1396, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1397, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1398, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1399, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1400, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1401, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1402, offered by Representative Marcus

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Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1403, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 1404, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 1405, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1406, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1407, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1408, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1409, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1410, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1411, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1412, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1413, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1414, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1415, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1416, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1417, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1418, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1419, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning

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revenue. House Bill 1420, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 1421, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1422, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1423, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1424, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1425, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 1426, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1427, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1428, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1429, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1430, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1431, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1432, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1433, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1434, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1435, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1436, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1437, offered by Representative

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Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1438, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1439, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1440, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1441, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1442, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 1443, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. These are referred to the Rules Committee. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #14 offered by Representative Sosnowski.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH 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 the Illinois Constitution by adding Section 2.5 to Article IV and by changing Section 2 of Article 5 as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

A person may not hold the office of State Senator or State Representative or a combination of those offices for more than 20 years; provided that service before the second

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Wednesday in January of 2015 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.

ARTICLE V

THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 2. TERMS

- (a) These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall hold office for four years beginning on the second Monday of January after their election and, except in the case of the Lieutenant Governor, until their successors are qualified. They shall be elected at the general election in 1978 and every four years thereafter.
- (b) A person may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms of office within the same Executive Branch office. A person who has served 2 consecutive terms within the same Executive Branch office may not serve another term of office in that office until 8 years after the conclusion of the person's second consecutive term. A person is considered to serve a term of office for the purpose of this subsection 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 officers of the executive branch in 2018 and thereafter. This was the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #14. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."