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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A legislative proposal would allow State Medicaid
3 funds to be used to pay for abortions and would cover abortions
4 for State employees for any reason through all nine months of
5 pregnancy; and

6 WHEREAS, The legislation would allow the State of Illinois
7 to fund organizations that pay for abortions; and

8 WHEREAS, There were 39,856 abortions performed in Illinois
9 in 2015; and

10 WHEREAS, The number of abortions in Illinois represents
11 4.6% of the abortions performed across the country; and

12 WHEREAS, Medicaid currently does not provide funding for
13 abortions and insurance benefits for abortions are only
14 provided to State employees when the life or health of the
15 mother is in danger and in cases of rape and incest; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois would be responsible for
17 100% of Medicaid costs tied to abortions because there would be
18 no federal reimbursements as a result of the Hyde Amendment
19 which prevents federal funds from covering abortions; and

1 WHEREAS, Illinois ended 2016 with nearly \$11 billion in
2 unpaid bills, making the cost of abortion funding an undue
3 burden on taxpayers;; and

4 WHEREAS, Taxpayers opposed to abortion on moral and
5 religious grounds should not have to fund abortions with their
6 tax dollars; and

7 WHEREAS, State or federal law does not prohibit private
8 donors from paying for abortions; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 state our opposition to legislative efforts to use State
12 taxpayer funds to pay for abortions and to use taxpayer funds
13 to pay for insurance costs for State employees to have
14 abortions for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy.