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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, After the 2010 General Election, the 97th General
3 Assembly was scheduled to be sworn in on January 12, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, The 96th General Assembly met in a lame duck
5 session on January 11, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, Debate in the Senate on increasing taxes began at
7 11:16 PM on January 11, 2011; and

8 WHEREAS, Members of the Senate voted in the middle of the
9 night for the largest tax increase in Illinois history; and

10 WHEREAS, In the time since this tax increase, the State of
11 Illinois has been ranked as having one of the highest tax
12 burdens in the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Since the income tax increase took effect,
14 Illinois has risen to have the 3rd highest unemployment rate in
15 the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, There will be a General Election held in Illinois
17 on November 4, 2014; and

18 WHEREAS, At that election, the voters of Illinois shall

1 elect new Representatives and Senators to serve in the 99th
2 General Assembly; and

3 WHEREAS, The 98th General Assembly is scheduled to adjourn
4 sine die on January 13, 2015 and the 99th General Assembly
5 shall be sworn in on January 14, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, A veto session will be scheduled following the
7 2014 General Election; and

8 WHEREAS, Illinois Senate President Cullerton has
9 repeatedly stated that lawmakers will have to vote on extending
10 Illinois' temporary income tax hike after the 2014 election;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The lame duck session and the veto session of the
13 98th General Assembly are not appropriate venues for voting on
14 any new tax, tax extension, or tax increase; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that no vote on creating,
17 extending, or increasing taxes shall be taken during the veto
18 or lame duck session of the 98th General Assembly and prior to
19 the 99th General Assembly taking office.