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GOVERNOR

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To the Honorable Members of the  
Illinois House of Representatives  
92nd General Assembly

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, and re-affirmed by the People of the State of Illinois by popular referendum in 1974, and conforming to the standard articulated by the Illinois Supreme Court in People ex Rel. Klinger v. Howlett, 50 Ill. 2d 242 (1972), Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co. v. Zagel, 78 Ill. 2d 387 (1979), People ex Rel. City of Canton v. Crouch, 79 Ill. 2d 356 (1980), and County of Kane v. Carlson, 116 Ill. 2d 186 (1987), that gubernatorial action be consistent with the fundamental purposes and the intent of the bill, I hereby return House Bill 3307 entitled "AN ACT in relation to historic preservation," with my specific recommendations for change.

House Bill 3307 enables the Historic Preservation Agency to have jurisdiction over the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Apple River Fort, Martin-Boismenu House, Sugar Loaf Mound, and Union Station.

However, it is important to note that each state property should be operated, managed, and preserved by the governing authority that will provide the most appropriate philosophy, capacity, and ability. Therefore, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum as well as the Union Station, which will be linked to the library and museum as a visitor center, should not be included on the list of properties to be governed by the Historic Preservation Agency.

The Historic Preservation Agency is granted the statutory authority to have jurisdiction over designated State Historic Sites, State Memorials, and Miscellaneous Properties. It is important to note that the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will not serve the people of this state and nation as a historic site or memorial but rather as an institution of education and research dedicated to Abraham Lincoln, his times, and his ideas.

Those who truly understand and support the mission of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will agree that its scope is too broad and encompassing to be bound by the historic mission of this state agency. Moreover, the Historic Preservation Agency, although an important partner, does not maintain the financial or administrative resources necessary to fully meet the needs of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum complex. Although it was initiated through the Historic Preservation Agency, this project has developed through collaboration among a variety of agencies and institutions and will grow to assert an influence that is international in scope and perspective. There is no precedent in the history of Illinois for an initiative of this significance, and it is necessary for the State to utilize more time to evaluate the most beneficial and appropriate governing authority.

For these reasons, I hereby return House Bill 3307 with the following recommendations for change:

on page 1, by deleting lines 12 and 13; and

on page 2, by deleting line 25.

With these changes, House Bill 3307 will have my

approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,  
s/GEORGE H. RYAN  
Governor