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**11:31 O'CLOCK A.M.**

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Turner in the chair.

Prayer by Dr. Michael Fogerson, who is the minister from Chester First Baptist Church in Chester, IL.  
Representative Manley 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:  
116 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives McAsey and Winger were excused from attendance.

**LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL**

February 14, 2017

Timothy D. Mapes  
Clerk of the House  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
420 Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Attached are additional majority and minority appointments for house committees of the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. These appointments are effective immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Tim Mapes, 782.6360.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

s/Michael J. Madigan  
Speaker of the House

**100<sup>th</sup> House committees Majority appointments**

	previous majority/ minority members	<b>New majority/ minority members</b>
<b>House Committee on Agriculture &amp; Conservation</b>		
Majority Members:	5	<b>8</b>
Minority Members:	4	<b>7</b>
Representative Barbara Flynn Currie		
Representative Lou Lang		
Representative Dan Burke		
<b>House Committee on Energy</b>		
Majority Members:	6	<b>8</b>
Minority Members:	5	<b>7</b>
Representative Sara Feigenholtz		
Representative Louis Arroyo		

**House Committee on Insurance: Property & Casualty**

Majority Members:	5	7
Minority Members:	4	5

Representative Greg Harris  
Representative Elaine Nekritz

**Special House Committee on Mental Health**

Majority Members:	11	12
Minority Members:	8	9

Representative Robert Rita

February 15, 2017

Timothy D. Mapes  
Clerk of the House  
420 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please be advised of the following appointments to the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly House Committees.

**Agriculture & Conservation:**

Representative Avery Bourne  
Representative Randy Frese  
Representative Daniel Swanson

**Insurance – Property & Casualty:**

Representative Michael Unes

**Energy:**

Representative Bill Mitchell  
Representative Michael Fortner

**Special Committee on Mental Health:**

Representative Patricia Bellock

These appointments are effective immediately. Thank you for your attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

s/Jim Durkin  
House Republican Leader

## TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Greg Harris replaced Representative Turner in the Committee on Rules on February 14, 2017.

## REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on February 14, 2017, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

Agriculture & Conservation: HOUSE BILLS 1771, 1788 and 2410.  
Appropriations-General Services: HOUSE BILL 1787.  
Appropriations-Higher Education: HOUSE BILLS 2415, 2416 and 2421.  
Appropriations-Human Services: HOUSE BILLS 1796 and 1803.  
Business Incentives for Local Communities: HOUSE BILL 1797.  
Business & Occupational Licenses: HOUSE BILLS 2396 and 2408.  
Cities & Villages: HOUSE BILL 2407.  
Community College Access & Affordability: HOUSE BILL 2404.  
Consumer Protection: HOUSE BILLS 1783, 1809 and 2411.  
Counties & Townships: HOUSE BILLS 1800 and 2423.  
Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT: HOUSE BILL 2371.  
Elections & Campaign Finance: HOUSE BILLS 1817 and 2391.  
Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies: HOUSE BILLS 1774, 2369, 2378, 2399 and 2403.  
Executive: HOUSE BILLS 1777, 1790, 1792, 1795, 1807, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1818, 2348, 2350, 2353, 2356, 2357, 2385, 2388, 2406, 2412, 2413, 2417, 2418, 2419 and 2420.  
Fire & Emergency Services: HOUSE BILL 2382.  
Government Consolidation & Modernization: HOUSE BILL 2379.  
Government Transparency: HOUSE BILL 2381.  
Health Care Licenses: HOUSE BILLS 1811 and 2392.  
Higher Education: HOUSE BILLS 1776, 2389 and 2394.  
Human Services: HOUSE BILLS 1785, 2358, 2370, 2383 and 2384; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 238.  
Judiciary - Civil: HOUSE BILLS 1791, 2349, 2395, 2400 and 2401; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 471.  
Judiciary - Criminal: HOUSE BILLS 1764, 1769, 1770, 1779, 1781, 1782, 1793, 1799, 1801, 1804, 2354, 2368, 2373, 2390, 2398, 2409 and 2414.  
Labor & Commerce: HOUSE BILLS 1806, 2351, 2352, 2376, 2380 and 2387.  
Personnel & Pensions: HOUSE BILLS 1775, 2360, 2377 and 2405; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 368.  
Revenue & Finance: HOUSE BILLS 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1778, 1780, 1789, 1808, 2355, 2359, 2362, 2372, 2397 and 2425; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 453.  
State Government Administration: HOUSE BILLS 2364, 2393 and 2424.  
Tourism, Hospitality & Craft Industries: HOUSE BILL 2386.  
Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges: HOUSE BILLS 1784 and 2363.  
Transportation: Vehicles & Safety: HOUSE BILLS 1773, 1794, 1802, 1805, 1812, 2361, 2365, 2366, 2374, 2375, 2402 and 2422.  
Business Growth & Incentives: HOUSE BILL 1813.  
Mental Health: HOUSE BILL 1786.  
Police & First Responders: HOUSE BILL 1772.  
Restorative Justice: HOUSE BILLS 1810 and 2367.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES REASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:**

HOUSE BILL 453 was recalled from the Committee on Executive and reassigned to the Committee on Revenue & Finance.

HOUSE BILL 496 was recalled from the Committee on Government Transparency and reassigned to the Committee on Government Consolidation & Modernization.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:  
3, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson  
Y Lang(D)  
Y Harris, G.(D) (replacing Turner)

A Brady(R), Republican Spokesperson  
A Demmer(R)

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on February 15, 2017, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:**

Cities & Villages: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 547.

Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing, Administration & Oversight: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 106.

Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 243.

Financial Institutions: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 759.

Government Transparency: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 619.

Higher Education: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 230.

Human Services: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE RESOLUTION 50.

Public Utilities: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 462.

Revenue & Finance: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 821.

State Government Administration: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 485.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES REASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:**

HOUSE BILL 772 was recalled from the Committee on Business Incentives for Local Communities and reassigned to the Committee on Environment.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:  
4, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson  
Y Lang(D)  
Y Turner(D)

A Brady(R), Republican Spokesperson  
Y Demmer(R)

**MOTIONS  
SUBMITTED**

Representative Halbrook 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 3653.

Representative Gordon-Booth 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 3916.

Representative Riley 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 468.

**REQUEST FOR FISCAL NOTE**

Representative Demmer requested that a Fiscal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 278.

**JUDICIAL NOTE SUPPLIED**

A Judicial Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 40.

**LAND CONVEYANCE APPRAISAL NOTE SUPPLIED**

A Land Conveyance Appraisal Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 40.

**STATE MANDATES FISCAL NOTE SUPPLIED**

A State Mandates Fiscal Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 40.

**HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPACT NOTE SUPPLIED**

A Housing Affordability Impact Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 40.

**HOME RULE NOTE SUPPLIED**

A Home Rule Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 40.

**BALANCED BUDGET NOTE SUPPLIED**

A Balanced Budget Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 40.

**CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP**

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Turner was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Willis became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 3463.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Costello was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Halpin became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 795.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Martwick was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Tabares became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 695.



**AGREED RESOLUTIONS**

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 125**

Offered by Representative Durkin:  
Congratulates Scott Marquardt on his 50th birthday.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 129**

Offered by Representative Evans:  
Mourns the death of Linda Cheri Threatt.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 134**

Offered by Representative Welch:  
Congratulates Lena Moreland on her retirement as City Clerk for the Village of Bellwood.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 136**

Offered by Representative Ammons:  
Recognizes that Southern Illinois is the location of the greatest duration of totality for the 2017 North American solar eclipse (2m41.6s), and as such Southern Illinois is the best place on Earth to view one of nature's most beautiful sights.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 137**

Offered by Representative Costello:  
Congratulates Illinois State Police District 11 Interim Commander, Captain Timothy Tyler on receiving the Public Servant Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 138**

Offered by Representative Costello:  
Congratulates Michael Rebholz on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 141**

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:  
Mourns the death of Chester R. Albright of Aurora.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 143**

Offered by Representative Unes:  
Mourns the death of Roumanos Faddoul Khoury of Washington.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 144**

Offered by Representative Bourne:  
Congratulates Michael Kelly on his retirement as Superintendent of the Carlinville Unit School District.

### **HOUSE BILL ON SECOND READING**

Having been reproduced, the following bill was taken up, read by title a second time and held on the order of Second Reading: HOUSE BILL 40.

### **AGREED RESOLUTIONS**

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 125, 129, 134, 136, 141, 143 and 144 were taken up for consideration.  
Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.  
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

### **RECESS**

At the hour of 11:47 o'clock a.m., Speaker of the House Madigan moved that the House do now take a recess for the Governor to address the Joint Session.  
The motion prevailed.

### **JOINT SESSION 11:57 O'CLOCK A.M.**

The hour having arrived, the time heretofore fixed by Joint Resolution adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Joint Session convened for the purpose of receiving the Governor to deliver his Budget Message in person to the One-Hundredth General Assembly.

The Senate, preceded by the Honorable President Cullerton, and Members of the Senate, appeared in the Hall of the House of Representative and, by direction of the Speaker, took the seats assigned to them.

The two Houses being convened in Joint Session, President Cullerton of the Senate announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Speaker Madigan, of the House of Representatives, announced that a quorum of the House was present.

A majority of each House of the General Assembly being present, the Speaker of the House announced the Joint Session duly formed.

Representative Currie offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

### **JOINT SESSION RESOLUTION 2**

**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 Governor Bruce Rauner and invite him to address the Joint Assembly.

Representative Martin Moylan  
Representative Justin Slaughter  
Representative Juliana Stratton  
Representative Michael Unes  
Representative Tony McCombie  
Senator Don Harmon  
Senator Donne Trotter  
Senator Heather Steans  
Senator Jil Tracy  
Senator Paul Schimpf

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

**GOVERNOR BRUCE RAUNER**  
**BUDGET ADDRESS**

Good afternoon:

President Cullerton

Speaker Madigan

Leader Radogno

Leader Durkin

Lieutenant Governor Sanguinetti

Attorney General Madigan

Secretary White

Comptroller Mendoza

Treasurer Frerichs

Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

“The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion... We must think anew and act anew.”

“We must think anew and act anew.”

Abraham Lincoln.

Two years ago, our first budget address began with these same words.

Though it’s taken us two years to get here, the events of recent weeks make clear that together, Democrats and Republicans are now thinking anew.

For the first time, legislators from both parties are standing together to say that Illinois must have structural change to grow our economy and create good jobs in every part of our state. That budgets must be truly balanced for the long term – and that to achieve balanced budgets, changes must be made to fix our broken system.

On this, we all now agree. And that is real progress.

But it’s not enough to just think anew. We must also act anew.

For decades, our state passed unsustainable budgets, spent money we didn’t have, borrowed and taxed to chase the spending... and drove job creators out of state.

Citizens in every community of Illinois know that we have been on the wrong track for years.

The numbers speak for themselves.

Since 2000, America added more than 14 million jobs – while Illinois lost jobs. Our neighboring states of Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky and Missouri added an average of more than 100 thousand jobs. They’ve been pulling ahead while we’ve been falling behind.

Our unbalanced budgets, our crushing tax burdens, our restrictive regulations – they’ve held back the Illinois economy for decades.

For years now, families in Illinois have been voting with their feet. In just six years, we’ve seen a migration loss of more than 540,000 residents. They’re leaving for jobs, higher wages and lower costs of living.

If we had the right policies – if we'd made changes to fix our broken system – if we had just grown our economy at the national average, since 2000, we'd have 650,000 more jobs than we have today... Think about that. Let me repeat that for emphasis. If Illinois were more competitive, if we had just grown Illinois' economy LIKE AN AVERAGE state, today, we would have 650,000 more jobs here.

Just as important for our budget, if we had grown at the national average since 2000, even with our actual historic spending, we would have run budget surpluses, we would not have any unpaid bill backlog now, and today we would have 8.5 BILLION dollars more in cash to put into our schools and human services and to reduce our tax rates.

Think about that. We would have good jobs in every community. We would have employers competing to hire workers. Our households would have more income. And we could have the best funded schools in America.

And let's be clear, Illinois should never settle for being average. We should be one of the ten fastest growing states in America. We have the best people, the best location, the best agriculture, the best transportation, the heart of America – we have every reason to thrive.

We can do this together.

It's why I ran for governor. To deliver a better future for our children ... To change the direction of our state... to put us back on the right path – toward a growing economy, world class schools and restored trust in government.

It's why we've been working for two years to pass a truly balanced budget, to create equal access to strong schools and good jobs.

For two years now, we've been asking the General Assembly to help us unlock our state's unfulfilled potential. And today, we finally all agree that economic reforms must be part of a balanced budget solution.

Now is the time to seize the moment – build on the progress made in recent weeks – and right our ship of state. Together, we can make Illinois more competitive and more compassionate. We can make the necessary changes to fix our broken system.

Two years ago, our Administration proposed a balanced budget. It contained more than \$6 billion in cuts, spending only what the state could afford at current revenue. But the majority in the General Assembly simply ignored our budget proposal, didn't discuss it, debate it or vote on it – just passed their own \$4 billion out-of-balance budget. And so our current impasse began.

Then we offered to work with members of the General Assembly to find common ground on a mix of cuts, revenue increases and reform. We convened bipartisan working groups, doing our best to find a way forward together. But the possibility of compromise fell victim to partisan divides.

Last year, we proposed two paths to a balanced budget – two very different financial plans under which expenditures would not exceed available revenue. Our preferred option was once again to work together to reach consensus on a mix of spending cuts, revenue increases and changes to grow our economy. We offered more compromises. We took things off the table in hopes of getting an agreement.

Our Budget Director convened a bipartisan working group to craft a balanced budget. Thank you to the courageous and principled members of the General Assembly - Democrats and Republicans in both chambers - who worked together to find a grand bargain. They nearly reached an agreement last spring. But once again, the possibility of compromise fell victim to partisan divides. By the end of the last legislative session, the majority in the General Assembly couldn't agree on any kind of budget – balanced or not.

This isn't about pointing fingers or assigning blame. We are where we are. It's not about the past; it's about how we move forward together. It's not going to help us move forward if right after this speech, Democrats run to the media claiming we've never proposed a plan to balance the budget. And it's not going to help us move forward if Republicans run to the media to point out that the Democratic legislature's never passed a balanced budget.

People want to see us get something done – to get a balanced budget to change our broken system. To grow more jobs and better support our schools so they're the best in America.

So today, we are here once again with our hand outstretched to the Leaders and members of the General Assembly. Between ongoing budget negotiations in the Senate and all of our leaders acknowledging the need for change, there is good reason for optimism.

Now is the time to take the next step and get the job done.

Some people argue we should just cut our way out of our budget problems. Others believe we should simply raise taxes and declare the budget crisis solved.

But we can't tax our way to prosperity. Nor can we just cut our way to a better future. We must grow our way to the future we want. Growth is the solution. Growth means jobs. Growth means expanding revenues. Growth means the economy expands faster than government spending. Growth means a sustainable future where job creation surges and our schools are the envy of the world.

Some people think spending cuts are too hard, that economic changes are too difficult. Just raise taxes and call it a day. Let's be clear. We cannot tax our way to a long-term balanced budget.

Illinois residents and job creators are already saddled with the highest property taxes and the 5th highest overall tax burden in the nation. We've tried raising taxes to balance the budget before, without making structural changes to control spending and grow the economy. It has never worked. Taxing our way to a balanced budget would only hasten the exodus of jobs and families from Illinois – an unacceptable option for members of both parties.

I've repeatedly said that I will consider revenue increases if we stand together to make the job-creating changes we need. But structural changes to spending are absolutely essential to balance the budget, and to keep it balanced.

Today, over 60% of the state's general revenues – roughly \$20 billion – are locked up by statute. No Governor can effectively reduce spending until we address automatic spending categories like pensions, Medicaid and transfers out.

Ultimately, it's all about jobs. Our future depends on offering strong schools and vast job opportunities across our state. By becoming more competitive with our neighbors. By creating good jobs not only in Chicago, but in Rockford, Moline, Peoria, Decatur, Galesburg, Quincy, Carbondale and every community in between. By giving families and job creators good reason to come, and stay, in Illinois.

If we do those things, if we grow our economy, if we become more competitive, more attractive - Illinois will see immediate results, and our state will be a destination for families and employers from across the country and around the world.

Today we present you with a balanced budget that shows what is possible if we all come together on a comprehensive approach to state finances and job creation. Our proposal for the coming fiscal year focuses on the future.

It shows how Illinois can be more compassionate if we become more competitive. While proposing economic changes, it also focuses on the fabric of our society – investing in schools, public safety, criminal justice reform and human services.

We propose a record level of funding for our schools. We supported our K-12 schools at an unprecedented level in the last school year, and then we came back and did even more for this school year. Let's begin to implement the recommendations of the school funding reform commission to make sure every child gets a shot at the American dream, no matter where they live. Let's increase our general state aid and funding to other programs that benefit all schools. Education is the cornerstone of our future and this investment will pay great dividends in the long run.

We propose that for the first time since 2010, the state fully fund regular transportation costs for schools around the state – enabling them to get kids to and from career and technical education programs. School districts shouldn't have to scramble to find a way to pay for transportation costs. Our budget ends this proration once and for all.

Our proposal increases funding for English learners and early childhood education. And it maximizes important federal dollars that build technology infrastructure in our schools.

When it comes to higher education, we understand the hardship being felt by students who rely on state assistance to go to college. That's why we're proposing a 10 percent increase to MAP Grant funding – so those students can focus on learning, and not their next tuition bill.

Our budget prioritizes public safety and proposes funding for two Illinois State Police cadet classes, adding new troopers to our law enforcement ranks. Those officers will allow us to send more patrols to the Chicago area expressways to counter the violence that has spilled over on to the highways.

Today we are fortunate to be joined by Illinois State Police Director Leo Schmitz, and Captain Chris Campbell and Lt. Freddie Outlaw of the Illinois State Police Academy. Please join me in thanking them for their great service to our state!

We recognize the growing danger of opioid abuse across our state. And we highlight the need for a comprehensive strategy: prevention, interdiction and treatment; education, law enforcement and human services. State, local and federal partnerships. This is a crisis – and we need to confront it head on before we lose more young lives.

We look to build upon our recent accomplishments with Criminal Justice Reform. We propose full funding for the Kewanee and Murphysboro Correctional life skills and reentry centers so that they can offer educational and job readiness courses to help better prepare offenders to leave custody and find jobs, live on their own, and get a second chance in life.

We fully fund mental health facilities in Joliet and Elgin...and provide the necessary support for residential treatment centers in Pontiac, Logan and Dixon.

We know the challenges facing human services ... that is why our proposal increases support for Child Care and other programs that assist children, senior citizens, and our other most vulnerable residents.

We continue to support our efforts to reduce childrens' exposure to lead in paint and drinking water and financially support those efforts.

We recommend full funding for home visiting and early intervention programs.

We propose a continued transformation of the Department of Children and Family Services by hiring additional employees to work solely on child protection investigations and compliance monitoring of programs.

And we look to strengthen services for the men and women who have put their lives on the line for our nation by delivering start-up funding for a new Illinois Veterans Home in Chicago.

Our transportation network is one of Illinois' greatest assets, and it is a primary reason why job creators choose to make our state home. This year we propose increasing the road program at the Illinois Department of Transportation by \$200 million, so that we can continue to be a leader in moving people and products throughout our nation and reinforce the message that Illinois is a great place to invest and expand.

At the same time, we look to fund long-overdue maintenance and repairs at state facilities...and invest in our technology transformation to ensure that state government becomes more efficient, responsive and transparent for the people we serve.

Our spending proposals are significant, but if we came together under our proposal, if we came together on a grand bargain, we'd actually spend \$3 billion less than government is currently spending.

In order to achieve those results, we propose a number of changes inside state government to improve services and save taxpayer money.

Pension reforms, in addition to President Cullerton's consideration model, can save us a billion dollars right off the bat. A new hybrid pension Tier III plan could give new employees more options while saving the state money.

If we do nothing, we can expect our pension costs to grow by \$1 billion in just the next year. Those payments put an unsustainable strain not only on our pension systems, but on the state's ability to pay for our schools and other critical services.

We must act, and time is of the essence.

We will continue to pursue improvements in our state employee contracts – to make reasonable changes like moving state employees from a 37.5-hour to a 40-hour work week before overtime kicks in. And we'll base employee pay on merit, not just seniority. We have successfully negotiated contracts with similar parameters

with 20 Labor Unions in the state, and we'll continue to seek these common-sense changes throughout state government.

We must address the accelerating cost of state employee and retiree health insurance.

Most Illinois families have seen their health insurance premiums skyrocket. Business owners across the country are forced to make hard decisions to manage soaring health costs. So imagine what Illinois families think when they hear our state employees get "Cadillac platinum" coverage for barely more than bronze rates. We cannot continue to ask taxpayers to pay more to subsidize state employee health care – when they're seeing their own premiums go up and coverage go down.

Our state employees should have health care options just like everyone else – and it is reasonable that they pay for those options in line with everyone else.

Bringing the state employee health insurance program more in line with the private sector would save our state half a billion dollars.

There are other opportunities for budget savings. We need to cut the red tape in how the state buys goods and services. It's time to implement best practices and take advantage of cooperative purchasing opportunities to ensure taxpayers get the biggest bang for their buck. Procurement reform could save us hundreds of millions next year alone.

Together, we can move forward with selling the James R. Thompson Center. The JRTC occupies an entire city block of prime real estate in the Chicago Loop. For years, the State has failed to properly maintain the building; and now we face deferred maintenance costs in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Everyone benefits from the sale. The city of Chicago stands to gain major new property tax revenue, along with the jobs that come with a massive development. The state could see a net gain of over \$200 million from the sale, helping us close the budget deficit in the next fiscal year.

Every day, we're implementing efficiencies in education, criminal justice, health and human service programs and information technology that improve outcomes and save us money.

Those savings are significant. Those efficiencies will make a difference. But **NOTHING** is more important than creating **MORE JOBS IN ILLINOIS**.

We've made our top priority clear from the beginning – driving real change to move the needle on job creation in our state. The only way to keep budgets balanced in the future is to ensure economic growth outpaces government spending growth. Together, let's look at each regulation we have, at every law we pass, and ask ourselves a simple question: how does this impact job creators? Is the benefit of this rule worth the cost in lost jobs? That's the essential question that can guide our decisions every day.

Job creators and relocation firms tell us that rooting out fraud and abuse from the worker's compensation system and getting highest-in-the-country property taxes under control are two of the most important ways to make Illinois more competitive. Very high workers' comp insurance costs in the private sector continue to drive businesses out of state – and in the public sector, they contribute to higher property taxes. Changes are necessary to attract employers and create new jobs.

And we will never stop working to get term limits and redistricting on the ballot in Illinois – to send a message to job creators across the country that our state is doing things differently than we have in the past.

These changes are necessary to producing long-term balanced budgets and long-term financial stability. They are **THE** items that can ensure Illinois not only survives, but thrives, for generations to come.

As we've said repeatedly, there is no one single bullet, no one single "must have," for our Administration. But for the future of our state, change must be real, not just a newspaper headline.

Senate President Cullerton, Leader Radogno and Senate lawmakers have shown tremendous leadership in bringing all parties together to find common ground on a combination of spending cuts, revenue, and changes that will create jobs and ensure long-term balanced budgets. Standing here three weeks ago, I encouraged them to keep working, to never give up...and they have done just that.

We've made a point of letting the Senate move forward... trying not to disrupt momentum. But I'd like to take a few minutes to help guide the negotiations to a place where Democrats and Republicans can reach agreement, and I can affirm my support for the package.

First and foremost: the final result must be a good deal for taxpayers and job creators: a grand bargain that truly balances the budget once and for all, and really moves the needle when it comes to job creation.

A good deal for taxpayers lays the foundation for balanced budgets for years to come. The budget must truly balance by the end of Fiscal Year 2018 – and it must balance in a way that doesn't send us right back into deficit a few years from now.

That means a hard cap on spending that forces state government to live within its means, balance the budget and pay off the state's debt. Spending reductions in the budget need to be real – not smoke and mirrors. Long-term pension reform needs to maximize savings in all pension systems.

As for revenue, we've always said that we'd consider revenue if it comes with changes that create jobs and grow the economy.

The current Senate proposal calls for a permanent increase in the income tax rate but offers only a temporary property tax freeze in exchange. That's just not fair to hard-working taxpayers across the state.

We need a permanent property tax freeze in Illinois, just like the one the House passed last month. Over time, as our economy grows and revenues expand, any increase in the income tax could be stepped down – dedicating future surpluses to taxpayers, not more government spending.

The current Senate proposal would expand the state's sales tax to cover everyday services, and raise taxes on food and drugs. We're open to a broader sales tax base to mirror neighboring states like Wisconsin, but let's make sure it's best for the people of Illinois, not for the lobbyists in Springfield. We cannot raise taxes on people's groceries and medicine – just as we cannot tax people's retirement incomes. We can find a way to balance the budget without hurting lower-income families and fixed-income seniors.

We must all support raising the earned income tax credit to help low-income families. And we must support making the research and development tax credit permanent to encourage innovation and job creation. MOST IMPORTANTLY, a good deal for taxpayers comes with economic and regulatory changes that are significant enough for job creators to get excited about the future of Illinois.

Term limits get job creators excited. Passing term limits is one of the most important things we can do to send a positive recruiting message to job creators: "it's a new day in Illinois, we've turned the corner."

Workers comp changes get job creators excited. We must get our worker's compensation costs in line with other states. We're asking for a worker's compensation system that matches Massachusetts. Massachusetts is a blue state with a strong middle class--and it's growing.

Now, those parameters aren't controversial-- they're right in line with what Democrats and Republicans have said they agree with. And while the Senate package is still evolving, it wouldn't be that hard to reach a good deal for taxpayers.

I firmly believe that we can come to agreement on these issues. And I pledge to you that I will sign that good deal for taxpayers the minute it arrives at my desk.

This is now a question of political will. I'm know I'm willing-- I hope you are too.

As we discussed last month: Illinois faces incredible challenges. But those challenges also provide unprecedented opportunity.

We are at a crossroads. If we work together and make the right decisions now, the potential of our state is unlimited. Let's put Illinois back on the road to prosperity. Let's do what we were sent here to do.

Thank you. God bless each of you, God bless our great state of Illinois and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

At the hour of 12:42 o'clock p.m., President Cullerton moved that the Joint Assembly do now arise.  
The motion prevailed.

The Senate having withdrawn, the House resumed its session.  
Representative Madigan in the Chair.



At the hour of 12:48 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.  
The motion prevailed.  
And the House stood adjourned.

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**16TH LEGISLATIVE DAY****Perfunctory Session****WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

At the hour of 3:27 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

**HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 121**

Offered by Representative Lang:

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois traditionally exercises its police powers to reflect local values and needs when determining appropriate law enforcement policies; and

WHEREAS, Illinois, as with many other states across the United States, has acted upon the issue of marijuana decriminalization for medicinal purposes by adopting a variety of policies for regulating the use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia allow for the medical use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Eight states have passed legislation to legalize the use of recreational marijuana; and

WHEREAS, In the enactment of legislation allowing for the use of marijuana for medicinal or recreational purposes, states have provided for the regulation and taxation of the use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Marijuana remains a Schedule I Drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act, classifying it among the most dangerous drugs in the Act; and

WHEREAS, This creates a problem for marijuana-related businesses that are legally operating pursuant to State law and makes it more difficult for consumers who are authorized to purchase marijuana products under State law; and

WHEREAS, Many financial institutions have been unwilling to do business with marijuana-related businesses because of existing federal law and policies; and

WHEREAS, Many marijuana-related businesses rely upon cash transactions, which increase the risk of robbery and impair the ability of states to collect taxes; and

WHEREAS, In the interest of promoting efficient business practices, financial institutions should be confident in serving businesses operating in the State of Illinois so long as safety and soundness requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, Legislation has been introduced in Congress to provide specific regulatory protection and immunity from federal prosecution for depository institutions providing financial services to marijuana-related businesses acting legitimately under applicable state law; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining a business relationship with financial institutions will allow for greater access to loans, as well as debit and credit transactions for both businesses serving the marijuana industry and for consumers filling prescriptions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to amend federal law to provide immunity from federal prosecution and regulatory protections for financial institutions legally providing services to marijuana-related businesses pursuant to applicable state law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to President Donald Trump, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, U.S. House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 122**

Offered by Representative Greenwood:

WHEREAS, Community policing, the system of allocating police officers to particular areas so that they become familiar with the local inhabitants, has become a popular crime-fighting strategy across the country; and

WHEREAS, Community policing began in Chicago in 1993 with the CAPS program, which was designed to make residents active partners in preventing and reducing crime; the key strategy in CAPS is that police, businesses, and residents of a particular neighborhood have to work together to address the conditions that lead to crime; and

WHEREAS, Community policing is supported by a variety of strategies, including neighborhood beat officers, regular community meetings involving police and residents, extensive training for both police and the community, more efficient use of city services, and the use of new technology to target crime hot spots; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge police departments around the State to create a community liaison police officer program similar to CAPS, that designates a specific number of patrol officers as community partners and liaisons, and we encourage police departments to establish advisory committees with members of the community and local officials to discuss ways to improve public safety.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 123

Offered by Representative Moeller:

WHEREAS, Enbridge, a Canadian pipeline company, has pipelines running through Illinois carrying crude oil and tar sands oil; this poses a risk of leaks and spills to the towns and cities, the farms and waterways, and the wetlands of Illinois and to Illinois residents; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge was responsible for the 2010 Kalamazoo Oil Spill in Michigan, the largest inland oil spill in the United States, and while it claims that it has fully cleaned up the spill, local residents say that the river is toxic and unsafe for fishing and for all the recreational uses that they enjoyed before the 2010 spill; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge has a history of 800 other spills, including the 2010 spill in the Village of Romeoville, litigation about which is still ongoing; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Commerce Commission has given Enbridge a certificate of "good standing" to expand and build additional sections of pipeline, using the rationale that the citizens of Illinois urgently need the oil that Enbridge is transporting; and

WHEREAS, The notion that the citizens of Illinois urgently need the oil that Enbridge is transporting is belied by the fact that a large portion of that oil is being refined and exported to other countries; and

WHEREAS, The decision that a constant supply of oil is a "public good" is further belied by the looming threat of climate change and the impending climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, The public good of the citizens of Illinois would be better served by massive investments in renewable energy and conservation; and

WHEREAS, The certificate of "good standing" gives Enbridge the right to use Illinois courts to demand that landowners give it easements to put new sections of pipeline across their lands and to use eminent domain to force the landowners to comply on terms largely favorable to Enbridge; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge is using that power of eminent domain in a bullying fashion, forcing landowners who do not want that pipeline to accept the pipeline and Enbridge's terms for it; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Enbridge and any other pipeline company transporting fossil fuels to have an environmental impact study conducted by a third-party scientific organization with no ties to the industry before they lay any new section of pipe and before any section of existing pipe begins to transport tar sands oil or natural gas extracted by fracking; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any environmental impact study must include the long-term impact of burning fossil fuels on the looming climate crisis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Enbridge and any other pipeline company must be held fully responsible for any environmental damages caused by leaks or spills or for agricultural damage to the farms through which their pipelines pass.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 124

Offered by Representative Currie:

WHEREAS, The future of our nation's productivity and competitiveness in the global marketplace depends on the success of all men and women; and

WHEREAS, Women have been discriminated against in education, the workplace, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Women continue to earn no more than 80 cents on the dollar compared to men; and

WHEREAS, The wage gap is even greater for most women of color; African American women earn 63 cents and Latina women earn 54 cents for every dollar earned by a man; and

WHEREAS, The pay gap has been shown to start as soon as one year after college; this inequality affects not only women, but their families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The pay gap between women and men has long-term effects on women's economic security; such a gap affects women's Social Security earnings, their ability to save for retirement, and their children's education; and

WHEREAS, Pay equity is closely linked to the eradication of poverty and is essential to having a highly-motivated workforce; and

WHEREAS, Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages; the day, observed in April, symbolizes how far into the year a woman must work, on average, to earn as much as a man earned the previous year, with Tuesday being the day in which women's wages catch up to men's wages from the previous week; because women earn less on average than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay; this wage gap is even greater for most women of color; and

WHEREAS, Equal pay is a priority for all women and for our society at large; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate April 4, 2017 as Pay Equity Day in the State of Illinois in order to raise awareness about this endemic inequity.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 126

Offered by Representative Evans:

WHEREAS, According to a 2014 study, five of the 20 most congested stretches of road in the United States are in the Chicago area; drivers in the northeastern Illinois-northwest Indiana region spent on average, 61 extra hours behind the wheel because of gridlock, construction zones, and collisions; that is the equivalent to a week and a half of work; the time wasted because traffic flow lagged well below speed limits during much of the day, was 6 hours more per driver; nationally, delays due to traffic congestion kept drivers and their passengers in cars for almost seven billion extra hours and more than three billion gallons of fuel were wasted; and

WHEREAS, Specific to the greater Chicago area, the study measured the total travel delay to 302.6 million hours affecting 3.4 million commuters in 2014; the cost of truck congestion, \$1.5 billion in 2014, accounted for approximately five percent of the \$28 billion nationally in the value of operating time and wasted fuel for commercial trucks stuck in traffic and adding to congestion; a driver in the Chicago region who needs to arrive on time at a destination 20 minutes away in light traffic, should instead budget a full hour during peak travel times; and

WHEREAS, Universities across the country are collaborating with tech companies and state government entities to develop wireless technology to reduce traffic congestion; in South Carolina alone, Clemson University, Benedict College, The Citadel, South Carolina State University, and the University of South Carolina, are developing wireless technology for traffic signals in order to make it possible to eliminate car

accidents and travel on busy roads without stopping for traffic lights by controlling traffic signals in real-time based on existing and predicted vehicular and pedestrian demand; researchers at MIT, using models developed in Singapore, were able to build simulations gauging driver locations with radio transmitters mounted on gantries scattered around a city, like the gantries used in many wireless toll systems, to route drivers around congested roadways by charging a toll for entering congested roadways, thereby providing an incentive to avoid it and choose an alternate route; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Illinois colleges and universities, in cooperation with tech companies and government entities, to work together to develop wireless technology designed to work towards eliminating traffic congestion so that Illinois can be on the forefront in the elimination of traffic congestion and to make Illinois roads the safest in the nation, to reduce travel time, and to save money on wasted fuel.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 127

Offered by Representative Mayfield:

WHEREAS, On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus, an Italian explorer sailing under the flag of Spain, spotted the island of San Salvador in The Bahamas, discovering the "New World" and forever changing the history of the world; and

WHEREAS, The anniversary of Columbus's landing in the Americas became a national holiday in the United States in 1937; it became a State holiday in Illinois in 1963; and

WHEREAS, The arrival of Christopher Columbus to the Americas brought forth an era of terror and oppression unlike any seen before in human history; he helped introduce the concept of slavery to the Americas and dehumanized countless numbers of indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, a movement began to replace Columbus Day with "Indigenous Peoples' Day", also known as "Native American Day", as a counter-celebration that promotes Native American culture and the celebration of its history; in the years that followed, several local governments and institutions across the United States have either renamed or canceled Columbus Day due to the controversy over his legacy; and

WHEREAS, Renaming Columbus Day as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" would send a clear message that the indigenous people of the Americas are valued in our society, and it will give a voice to the most marginalized group in our nation, Native Americans; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the State of Illinois to rename Columbus Day as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in honor of those that were in North America prior to the arrival of Christopher Columbus; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Governor Bruce Rauner, the Illinois Speaker of the House, the Illinois Senate President, the Illinois House Minority Leader, and the Illinois Senate Minority Leader.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 128

Offered by Representative Harper:

WHEREAS, President Barack H. Obama served as the 44th President of the United States of America from January 20, 2009 to January 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, President Obama, the first African American elected to the American Presidency was born in Hawaii; he was the first President born out of the contiguous United States; and

WHEREAS, President Obama attended Occidental College in Los Angeles and graduated from Columbia College in New York in 1983; and

WHEREAS, President Obama worked as a community organizer on the South Side of Chicago from June of 1985 to May of 1988; he entered Harvard Law School in the fall of 1988, returning to Chicago during summers, where he worked as an associate at various law firms; he permanently returned to Chicago in 1991 after earning his Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School; and

WHEREAS, President Obama taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School from 1992 to 2004; he also worked as a lawyer, specializing in civil rights litigation and neighborhood economic development; and

WHEREAS, President Obama was elected to the Illinois State Senate in 1996, representing the Illinois 13th District; he was re-elected to the Illinois Senate in 1998 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, President Obama was elected to represent Illinois in the United States Senate in 2004 with over 70% of the vote; and

WHEREAS, President Obama announced his candidacy for President of the United States of America in February of 2007 from the steps of the Old State Capitol Building in Springfield, the site of President Abraham Lincoln's 1858 "House Divided" speech; he was elected President in 2008 with just under 53% of the popular vote; he was re-elected in 2012; and

WHEREAS, As President of the United States of America, President Obama has been a progressive leader on numerous issues including, domestic policy, LGBTQ rights, women's rights, healthcare, economic policy, environmental policy, energy, gun control, internet policy, and foreign policy; and

WHEREAS, President Obama was awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between people; and

WHEREAS, President Obama is an avid fan of the Chicago White Sox; in 2011, he hosted the Chicago Bears at the White House to celebrate their 1985 Super Bowl victory; he hosted the Chicago Cubs at the White House to celebrate their 2016 World Series Championship as one of his last official acts as President; and

WHEREAS, The Barack Obama Presidential Center will be hosted by the University of Chicago and will be located in Jackson Park on the South Side of Chicago; once completed it will become the 14th site in the National Archives and Records Administration presidential library system; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare August 4, 2017 and August 4, 2018 as "President Barack Obama Day" in honor of the 44th President of the United States of America and in recognition of his historic and transformative presidency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to President Obama as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 130

Offered by Representative Feigenholtz:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the World Champion Chicago Cubs on winning an epic World Series on November 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs last won the World Series in 1907 and 1908; they last appeared in the World Series in 1945; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs compiled a record of 103 wins and 58 losses during the 2016 season; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs fielded the entire starting infield for the 2016 MLB All-Star Game; this marked the first time a National League team had done so since 1963; they had seven players selected, Jake Arrieta, Kris Bryant, Dexter Fowler, Jon Lester, Anthony Rizzo, Addison Russell, and Ben Zobrist; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs won the division championship with a 17.5 game lead; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs eliminated the San Francisco Giants and the Los Angeles Dodgers in the playoffs to advance to the World Series; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs defeated the Cleveland Indians in a historic and dramatic World Series Game 7 that went into extra innings, ending with a score of 8 to 7 in the 10th; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs rallied from a deficit of three games to one, a feat only accomplished by five other teams in World Series history; and

WHEREAS, A victory parade and rally was held for the Chicago Cubs on November 4, 2016, drawing five million fans, making it the seventh largest known gathering in the history of the world; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Cubs have the greatest and most loyal fans in the world; with its historic scoreboard and green ivy, Wrigley Field is one of the greatest places to watch a ball game; Manager Joe Maddon has said that "playing in Wrigley Field is magical"; and

WHEREAS, The Ricketts family, Crane Kenney and the entire Cubs front office, and Theo Epstein should be praised for bringing together such an amazing team and for setting the Chicago Cubs on a course for continued success for many years to come; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Chicago Cubs on winning the 2016 World Series; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we congratulate Manager Joe Maddon on guiding the Chicago Cubs to the championship with his zen leadership, convincing both players and fans to look forward not backwards, to think positively, and to "Do simple better"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we designate March 8, 2017 "Chicago Cubs World Series Champions Day"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to members of the Chicago Cubs organization.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 131

Offered by Representative Feigenholtz:

WHEREAS, On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, Nearly one in five people have a disability in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Disabilities can be considerably varied; they can be physical, cognitive, intellectual, mental, sensory, or developmental; they can be present at birth or occur during a person's lifetime; they can also be permanent or temporary; and

WHEREAS, An intellectual disability may mean difficulty communicating, learning, and retaining information; they include Down syndrome, Fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, and developmental delays; and

WHEREAS, A physical disability may affect, either temporarily or permanently, a person's physical capacity and mobility; they include multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, brain or spinal cord injury, epilepsy, and muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, Sensory disabilities affect one or more senses; sight, hearing, smell, touch, taste, or spatial awareness; they include autism, blindness, and hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, A mental illness affects a person's thinking, emotional state and behaviors; they include bipolar disorder, depression, schizophrenia, and eating disorders; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare October of 2017 as Disability Awareness Month in the State of Illinois in order to bring attention to the conditions from which so many Americans suffer, and we recognize the work being done by disability advocates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Illinois Disability Association.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 132

Offered by Representative Harper:

WHEREAS, The theme of the 2017 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week is, "It's Time to Talk About It", which will focus on busting myths and getting out the facts about eating disorders and encourage everyone to get screened; and

WHEREAS, Eating disorders are serious conditions that are potentially life-threatening and have a great impact on both a person's physical and emotional health; too often, signs and symptoms are overlooked, and many individuals, families, and communities are unaware of the devastating mental and physical consequences of eating disorders, as well as the pressures, attitudes, and behaviors which shape them; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, 20 million women and 10 million men suffer from clinically significant eating disorders at some time in their lives; these disorders affect people across all backgrounds and include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorders; and

WHEREAS, The National Eating Disorders Association strives to address the many misconceptions regarding eating disorders, and to highlight the availability of resources for treatment and support; and



WHEREAS, National Eating Disorders Awareness Week is a collaborative effort consisting primarily of volunteers, including eating disorder professionals, health care providers, students, educators, social workers, and individuals committed to raising awareness of the dangers surrounding eating disorders and the need for early intervention and treatment access; and

WHEREAS, Eating disorders usually appear in adolescence and are associated with substantial psychological problems, including depression, substance abuse, and suicide; they are serious illnesses, not lifestyle choices; in fact, anorexia has the highest mortality rate of any mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Many cases of eating disorders go undetected; less than one-third of youth with eating disorders will receive treatment; and

WHEREAS, Eating disorder experts have found that prompt intensive treatment significantly improves the chances of recovery; therefore, it is important for educators, medical providers, parents, and community members to be aware of the warning signs and the symptoms of eating disorders; and

WHEREAS, National Eating Disorders Awareness Week will highlight the importance of screenings for the early detection and intervention of eating disorders; it will bust myths and present eating disorders as a public health issue, with close connections to substance abuse, trauma, obesity, and other mental health conditions, such as depression, anxiety, and obsessive-compulsive disorder; and

WHEREAS, The members of this body recognize the vital work of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week in promoting public and media attention to the seriousness of eating disorders and for working to improve education about their biological and environmental causes, as well as how to help those who are struggling with these debilitating diseases; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the week of February 26 to March 4, 2017 as Eating Disorders Awareness Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the National Eating Disorders Association.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 133

Offered by Representative Andersson:

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depend on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings, and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, Our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our communities is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians, building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, and others in the construction industry who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, These guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a United States-based organization that brings together local, state, and federal officials who are experts in the built environment, to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

WHEREAS, Our nation benefits economically and technologically from the International Codes that are developed by national, voluntary consensus codes; with a standard-developing organization our government is able to avoid the high costs and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation; these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, fires and wildfires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of the largely unknown guardians of community and public safety, the local code officials, who assure safe, efficient, and livable buildings which are essential to keeping America great; and

WHEREAS, "Code Officials-Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth", is the theme for Building Safety Month 2017; it encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry; Building Safety Month 2017 encourages appropriate steps that everyone can take to ensure that the

places where we live, learn, work, worship, and play are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, Each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the month of May of 2017 as "Building Safety Month" in the State of Illinois and encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the International Code Council as an expression of our respect and esteem.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 135

Offered by Representative Phelps:

WHEREAS, Human life should be cherished and protected from conception to a natural death, and adoption should always be the first alternative to keeping a newborn child; and

WHEREAS, Many Americans are morally opposed to abortions and to taxpayer money subsidizing any organization that performs abortions; the use of aborted human tissue for research is morally abhorrent and should cease immediately; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood performed 323,999 abortions in 2014 in the United States; it has sent millions of dollars overseas with little accountability in the form of grants; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood performs abortions while being subsidized by taxpayer dollars; Planned Parenthood overwhelmingly refers expecting women to abortions rather than adoptions; Planned Parenthood has also profited from providing aborted baby parts and tissue to places of research; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United States Congress to defund Planned Parenthood; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to President Donald Trump, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 139

Offered by Representative Ives:

WHEREAS, Taxpayers in the State of Illinois are faced with high taxation; the weight of property taxes, and the process by which they are applied is one of the most burdensome concerns facing Illinois homeowners, and thus there needs to be an investigation into ways by which Illinois government can bring about necessary relief to homeowners across the State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Fair and Equitable Assessment of Property Task Force, whose purpose is the following:

- (1) conduct a comprehensive review of State laws relating to Assessment of Real Property including the appeal of assessments at the local and State level;
- (2) conduct a comprehensive review of all Statewide Assessment systems or Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal systems (CAMA) and their impact on equity;
- (3) identify opportunities to consolidate, streamline, eliminate, or create new assessment jurisdictions;
- (4) conduct a comprehensive review of current exemptions available, the impact of these exemptions, and the administration or application of these exemptions;
- (5) analyze the impact of TIFs on assessed values and local property taxes;

(6) analyze preferential assessments including farm valuation, open space, and developer relief;

(7) discuss the use of technology in the data collection, online review, CAMA analysis, and electronic appeal filing and make recommendations for improved accountability and efficiency;

(8) analyze assessment systems and legislation in the United States and countries worldwide; and

(9) prepare a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly making specific recommendations on the improvement of fair and equitable assessments through technology advancements, legislative procedural review, consolidation, streamlining, and/or creation of new jurisdictions with the goal to improve fair and equitable assessments throughout the State; and be it further RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the following members:

(1) the Governor, or his or her designee, who shall serve as Chair;

(2) the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Revenue, or his or her designee;

(3) four members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

(4) four members appointed by the Governor, or his or her designee, who are residents of the State of Illinois and represent public and private organizations with an interest in strengthening the fair and equitable appraisal for real estate for property tax purposes throughout the State, including, but not limited to, representatives of units of local government and assessment jurisdictions; and be it further RESOLVED, That the Task Force members shall serve without compensation; if a vacancy occurs, a replacement will be appointed by the Chair of the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the purpose of the Task Force shall be to study issues of assessment equity and fairness, and make recommendations that will ensure accountable and efficient delivery of uniform and transparent property valuations for property tax purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Revenue shall provide staffing and administrative support to the Task Force as needed, including providing an ethics officer, an Open Meeting Act officer, and a Freedom of Information Act officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall hold at least four meetings throughout the State, but otherwise shall meet at the call of the Chair; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in addition to whatever policies or procedures it may adopt, all operations of the Task Force will be subject to the provision of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.) and the Illinois Open Meeting Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.); and be it further

RESOLVED, That if any provision of this resolution is found invalid by a court, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be dissolved upon submission of its final report.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 140

Offered by Representative Mussman:

WHEREAS, The Eagle Staff, considered the first flag of the Americas, represents the stature and honor of a particular Native American tribe or tribes; it commonly looks like a shepherd's staff, wrapped in either otter skin or buffalo skin, and featuring eagle feathers; pre-dating colonization, the Eagle Staff was the indicator of a tribe's accomplishments in battle and the integrity and honor of its people; today, it is used to represent tribal communities, Native American and First Nation organizations, or a member of an honor society or a service veteran; and

WHEREAS, The Eagle Staff represents tribal sovereignty, unity, and tradition, and reflects the honor bestowed upon an individual, tribal organization, or tribal elder; the Eagle Staff is typically carried by Native American veterans of the United States Armed Forces; Native Americans have served in greater numbers per capita than any other ethnicity across all branches of the military; and

WHEREAS, The Eagle Staff is a proud legacy of the Native American people; it is the embodiment of the warrior and of enduring fortitude which together have enabled the tribes to survive policies intended to extinguish their race and culture; and

WHEREAS, The Eagle Staff is adorned with eagle feathers symbolizing the remembrance of fallen warriors; because eagles and eagle features are highly revered and federally protected, only a few federal agencies and enrolled native people may carry them; the eagle feather is the highest award that can be given by a tribe to its people; and

WHEREAS, The Eagle Staff is recognized by all Native American tribes, First Nations, and other Native American organizations; the Eagle Staff is welcomed into all communities, including Native American and First Nation communities, with a flag song or victory song and is always presented ahead of any other flag; and

WHEREAS, The Eagle Staff is formally recognized by all branches of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Department of National Defence; and

WHEREAS, The Eagle Staff is recognized and honored by the National Congress of American Indians, the Illinois Secretary of State Veterans' Advisory Council, and the McCormick Foundation Veterans Program; and

WHEREAS, The Eagle Staff is honored at Chicago Blackhawks games during the playing of the National Anthem; and

WHEREAS, The Eagle Staff is recognized by the Trickster Art Gallery, a Native American art gallery and museum in Schaumburg; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the Eagle Staff as the first flag of the sovereign Native American tribal nations and the First Nations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we renew our commitment to cooperate with tribes, inter-governmental tribes, and Native American organizations, including Native American veterans organizations and the Trickster Art Gallery, to encourage programs promoting cultural education of the significance of the Eagle Staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State of Illinois is committed to inclusiveness for all Native Americans, the traditions and symbolism of the Eagle Staff, and that we encourage all Illinois state government departments to incorporate these principles into their policies and practices.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 142

Offered by Representative Morrison:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we state our opposition to legislative efforts to use State taxpayer funds to pay for abortions and to use taxpayer funds to pay for insurance costs for State employees to have abortions for any reason; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we oppose efforts to keep abortion legal in Illinois in the event the Supreme Court of the United States overturns the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

Offered by Representative Winger:

WHEREAS, The Illinois State Lottery, its private-sector affiliate, Northstar Lottery Group, and its retail partners offer a wide variety of lottery games of chance to Illinois residents, including a family of ticket games called "scratch-offs"; scratch-off tickets are sold one-by-one from rolls of tickets offered for sale at a retailer; and

WHEREAS, Recent investigative journalism has uncovered that many rolls of scratch-off lottery tickets are withdrawn from sale in Illinois long before all of the prizes printed on the tickets have been awarded; this conduct is defended on the grounds that what is being sold is not a pile of prizes, but a series of tickets each of which offer a mathematical chance to win one prize, and if the mathematical odds are maintained for each individual ticket then there is no harm and no foul in playing games with the pile; and

WHEREAS, The probity of this argument depends upon the accuracy of the assertion that the mathematical chance for one scratch-off ticket to win one prize is maintained, and there is some skepticism on this point; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we request the Auditor General to conduct an audit of the scratch-off games sold by the Illinois State Lottery and its private affiliate, the Northstar Lottery Group; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the audit shall include an investigation into whether or not the act of withdrawing unsold rolls of scratch-off Lottery tickets from sale in Illinois, prior to the sale of all of the printed tickets, alters the mathematical odds of a single ticket buyer buying purchasing a winning ticket; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor General shall report the findings of this investigation to the Governor of Illinois, the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, and the President of the Illinois Senate, no later than January 31, 2018.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

Offered by Representative Andrade:

WHEREAS, National and State security should not be undermined by the concerted efforts of foreign actors with the goal of compromising our democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2016, the Illinois State Board of Elections was the target of a cyber-attack of unknown foreign origin which targeted the Voter Registration System Database; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Board of Elections server logs showed the database queries were a malicious form of cyber-attack known as SQL Injection, which are unauthorized, malicious database queries entered in a data field in a web application; and

WHEREAS, Firewall monitoring indicated that the attackers were hitting the Board's IP addresses five times per second, 24 hours per day; and

WHEREAS, Investigations of the attack concluded that statewide Voter Registration System passwords were compromised, and passwords included those of election authorities, their staffs, internal Board users, vendors, and web services; and

WHEREAS, Aggressive actions contrary to American interests that foster political chaos and institutional mistrust in our democratic values must be thoroughly repudiated; and

WHEREAS, State websites and data are under cyber threats on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Illinois need assurance that law enforcement and State officials are actively investigating these matters and pursuing solutions and that cybersecurity and data protection are top priorities, and if further investigation finds evidence that either foreign or domestic actors perpetrated or directed such acts, appropriate criminal charges and sanctions will be announced and enforced; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we denounce any threats and actions to the cyber infrastructure and valuable data of the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution creates an Illinois Cybersecurity Task Force to be composed by the following appointments:

- (1) The Secretary of the Department of Innovation & Technology (DOIT) or his designee;
- (2) The Chief Information Security Officer of Illinois or his designee;
- (3) The Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency or his designee;
- (4) The Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard or his designee;
- (5) The Director of the Department of Central Management Services or his designee;
- (6) The Director of the Department of Corrections or his designee;
- (7) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services or his designee
- (8) The Director of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services or his designee;
- (9) The Director of the Illinois State Police or his designee;
- (10) The Executive Director of the Illinois State Board of Elections or his designee;
- (11) The Director of the Department of Revenue or his designee;
- (12) The Director of the Department of Public Health or his designee;
- (13) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation or his designee;
- (14) The Chair of the State Board of Higher Education or his designee;
- (15) The Attorney General or her designee;
- (16) The Secretary of State or his designee;
- (17) One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate President, who is to serve as Co-Chair;
- (18) One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;
- (19) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, who is to serve as Co-Chair; and
- (20) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the House Minority leader; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Cybersecurity Task Force shall be staffed and administratively supported by the Department of Innovation & Technology and if the subject matter is either sensitive or classified, the Task Force may hold the hearings in private; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Cybersecurity Task Force shall be appointed within 60 days after passage of this resolution and to meet as soon as possible to collaborate and address all cybersecurity matters that impact the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Cybersecurity Task Force shall issue a final report on the status, progress, and future of cybersecurity to the House Clerk and Senate Secretary of the Illinois General Assembly by January 1, 2018, and that the Task Force may withhold sensitive or classified information; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the above mentioned elected and appointed authorities.

At the hour of 3:28 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.