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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Lang in the chair.

Prayer by Lee A. Crawford, the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield.

Representative Reis 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:

101 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Arroyo, D'Amico, Fine, Flowers, Fortner, David Harris, Hernandez, Jones, Lilly, Mayfield, Phillips, Riley, Rita, Slaughter, Tabares and Welch were excused from attendance.

REQUEST TO BE SHOWN ON QUORUM

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Fortner, should be recorded as present at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m.

REPORTS

The Clerk of the House acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

Stemming the Tide, Diverting Youth with Mental Health Conditions from the Illinois Juvenile Justice System, submitted by the Illinois Mental Health Opportunities for Youth Diversion Task Force on February 28, 2018

Volkswagen Settlement Factsheet, submitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on February 28, 2018

Draft Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement, submitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on February 28, 2018

FY2017 Adult Education and Literacy Report, submitted by the Illinois Community College Board on March 1, 2018

Illinois Sport Facilities Authority's Annual MBE/WBE Report for 2017, submitted by the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority on March 1, 2018

State of Illinois General Assembly House of Representatives – Compliance Examination, State of Illinois General Assembly Senate – Compliance Examination, submitted by the Legislative Audit Commission on March 1, 2018

MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Representative Gabel 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 4222.

REQUEST FOR FISCAL NOTES

Representative Demmer requested that Fiscal Notes be supplied for HOUSE BILLS 2617, 4208, 4324 and 4900.

REQUEST FOR STATE MANDATES FISCAL NOTES

Representative Demmer requested that State Mandates Fiscal Notes be supplied for HOUSE BILLS 2617, 4208, 4324 and 4900.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by
Mr. Anderson, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of their amendments to a bill of the following title, to-wit:

SENATE BILL NO. 193

A bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.
House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 193.
House Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL NO. 193.
Action taken by the Senate, March 1, 2018.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by
Mr. Anderson, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to-wit:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 113

Concurred in the Senate, March 1, 2018.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by
Mr. Anderson, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives, to-wit:

SENATE BILL NO. 2275

A bill for AN ACT concerning elections.
Passed by the Senate, March 1, 2018.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

**ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 113**

Representative Currie offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, March 01, 2018, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 06, 2018, and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, March 07, 2018, and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Thursday, March 08, 2018, and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until April 9, 2018 at 12 Noon, or until the

call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 13, 2018, and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, March 14, 2018, and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Thursday, March 15, 2018, and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 10, 2018, or until the call of the President.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 113 was taken up for immediate consideration.
Representative Currie moved the adoption of the resolution.
The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.
Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 880

Offered by Representative Cavaletto:
Recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Special Olympics, and the vital role that Illinois, Southern Illinois University, and Dr. William "Freebie" Freeberg had in the purchasing, planning, and promotion of the Touch of Nature Camp, the mentoring of thousands of students, and the services of five million athletes and their families who have benefited.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 881

Offered by Representative D'Amico:
Mourns the death of William Thorp "Bill" Buxton.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 884

Offered by Representative David Harris:
Congratulates Dr. David R. Schuler on being named "National Superintendent of the Year" by AASA, the School Superintendents Association.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 880, 881 and 884 were taken up for consideration.
Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

Having been reproduced, the following bill was taken up, read by title a second time and advanced to the order of Third Reading: HOUSE BILL 4213.

HOUSE BILL 4237. Having been reproduced, was taken up and read by title a second time.
Amendment No. 1 was offered in the Committee on Revenue & Finance, adopted and reproduced.
There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed; and the bill, as amended, was advanced to the order of Third Reading.

Having been reproduced, the following bill was taken up, read by title a second time and advanced to the order of Third Reading: HOUSE BILL 4235.

HOUSE BILL 4242. Having been reproduced, was taken up and read by title a second time. Floor Amendment No. 1 remained in the Committee on Rules. Representative McSweeney offered Amendment 2 and moved its adoption. The foregoing motion prevailed and Amendment No. 2 was adopted. There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 2 was ordered engrossed; and the bill, as amended, was advanced to the order of Third Reading.

Having been reproduced, the following bill was taken up, read by title a second time and advanced to the order of Third Reading: HOUSE BILL 4253.

HOUSE BILL 4282. Having been reproduced, was taken up and read by title a second time. Floor Amendment No. 1 remained in the Committee on Cities & Villages. There being no further amendments, the bill was advanced to the order of Third Reading.

Having been reproduced, the following bill was taken up, read by title a second time and advanced to the order of Third Reading: HOUSE BILL 4312.

HOUSE BILL 4383. Having been reproduced, was taken up and read by title a second time. Committee Amendment No. 1 was tabled pursuant to Rule 40(a). There being no further amendments, the bill was advanced to the order of Third Reading.

HOUSE BILL 4401. Having been reproduced, was taken up and read by title a second time. There being no further amendments, the bill was ordered held on the order of Second Reading.

Having been reproduced, the following bills were taken up, read by title a second time and advanced to the order of Third Reading: HOUSE BILLS 4409, 4440, 4514, 4541 and 4554.

HOUSE BILL 4569. Having been reproduced, was taken up and read by title a second time. Amendment No. 1 was offered in the Committee on Environment, adopted and reproduced. There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed; and the bill, as amended, was advanced to the order of Third Reading.

Having been reproduced, the following bills were taken up, read by title a second time and advanced to the order of Third Reading: HOUSE BILLS 4573, 4576 and 4789.

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 4900.

HOUSE BILL 5498. Having been reproduced, was taken up and read by title a second time. Amendment No. 1 was offered in the Committee on Executive, adopted and reproduced. There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed; and the bill, as amended, was advanced to the order of Third Reading.

RESOLUTIONS

Having been reported out of the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges on February 13, 2018, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 81 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Parkhurst moved the adoption of the resolution.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

101, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 2)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

Having been reported out of the Committee on Human Services on February 13, 2018, HOUSE RESOLUTION 710 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Olsen moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

HOUSE BILLS ON SECOND READING

HOUSE BILL 3080. Having been reproduced, was taken up and read by title a second time.

Amendment No. 1 was offered in the Committee on Personnel & Pensions, adopted and reproduced.

There being no further amendments, the bill was advanced to the order of Third Reading.

ACTION ON MOTIONS

The Chair requested leave to use a single vote for the adoption of motions to table for the following legislation: HOUSE BILL 165, 3813 and 4276.

Leave was granted.

The foregoing motions prevailed and the bills were tabled.

At the hour of 12:15 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

And in accordance therewith and pursuant to HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 113, the House stood adjourned until Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ONE HUNDREDTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
QUORUM CALL

March 01, 2018

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

102 PRESENT

P Ammons	P Demmer	P Lang	P Skillicorn
P Andersson	P Drury	E Lilly	E Slaughter
P Andrade	P Durkin	P Long	P Smith
E Arroyo	P Evans	P Mah	P Sommer
P Batinick	P Feigenholtz	P Manley	P Sosnowski
P Bellock	E Fine	P Martwick	A Soto
P Bennett	P Finnie, Natalie	E Mayfield	P Spain
P Bourne	E Flowers	P McAuliffe	P Stewart
P Brady	P Ford	P McCombie	P Stratton
P Breen	P Fortner (ADDED)	P McDermed	P Stuart
P Bristow	P Frese	P McSweeney	P Swanson
P Bryant	P Gabel	P Meier	E Tabares
P Burke, Daniel	P Gordon-Booth	P Mitchell, Bill	P Thapedi
P Burke, Kelly	P Greenwood	P Mitchell, Christian	P Turner
P Butler	P Guzzardi	P Moeller	P Unes
P Cabello	P Halbrook	P Morrison	P Wallace
P Carroll	P Halpin	P Moylan	P Walsh
P Cassidy	P Hammond	P Mussman	P Wehrli
P Cavaletto	P Harper	P Olsen	E Welch
P Chapa LaVia	E Harris, David	P Parkhurst	P Welter
P Connor	P Harris, Gregory	E Phillips	P Wheeler, Barbara
P Conroy	P Hays	P Pritchard	P Wheeler, Keith
P Conyears-Ervin	E Hernandez	P Reick	P Williams
P Costello	P Hoffman	P Reis	P Willis
P Crespo	P Hurley	E Riley	P Winger
P Currie	P Ives	E Rita	P Yingling
E D'Amico	P Jesiel	P Sauer	P Zalewski
P Davidsmeyer	P Jimenez	P Scherer	P Mr. Speaker
P Davis	E Jones	P Sente	
P DeLuca	P Kifowit	P Severin	

E - Denotes Excused Absence

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ONE HUNDREDTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 81
SGT. WILL LEWIS OVERPASS
ADOPTED

March 01, 2018

101 YEAS

0 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Ammons	Y Demmer	Y Lang	Y Skillicorn
Y Andersson	Y Drury	E Lilly	E Slaughter
Y Andrade	Y Durkin	Y Long	Y Smith
E Arroyo	Y Evans	Y Mah	Y Sommer
Y Batinick	Y Feigenholtz	Y Manley	Y Sosnowski
Y Bellock	E Fine	Y Martwick	A Soto
Y Bennett	Y Finnie, Natalie	E Mayfield	Y Spain
Y Bourne	E Flowers	Y McAuliffe	Y Stewart
Y Brady	Y Ford	Y McCombie	Y Stratton
Y Breen	E Fortner	Y McDermed	Y Stuart
Y Bristow	Y Frese	Y McSweeney	Y Swanson
Y Bryant	Y Gabel	Y Meier	E Tabares
Y Burke, Daniel	Y Gordon-Booth	Y Mitchell, Bill	Y Thapedi
Y Burke, Kelly	Y Greenwood	Y Mitchell, Christian	Y Turner
Y Butler	Y Guzzardi	Y Moeller	Y Unes
Y Cabello	Y Halbrook	Y Morrison	Y Wallace
Y Carroll	Y Halpin	Y Moylan	Y Walsh
Y Cassidy	Y Hammond	Y Mussman	Y Wehrli
Y Cavaletto	Y Harper	Y Olsen	E Welch
Y Chapa LaVia	E Harris, David	Y Parkhurst	Y Welter
Y Connor	Y Harris, Gregory	E Phillips	Y Wheeler, Barbara
Y Conroy	Y Hays	Y Pritchard	Y Wheeler, Keith
Y Conyears-Ervin	E Hernandez	Y Reick	Y Williams
Y Costello	Y Hoffman	Y Reis	Y Willis
Y Crespo	Y Hurley	E Riley	Y Winger
Y Currie	Y Ives	E Rita	Y Yingling
E D'Amico	Y Jesiel	Y Sauer	Y Zalewski
Y Davidsmeyer	Y Jimenez	Y Scherer	Y Mr. Speaker
Y Davis	E Jones	Y Sente	
Y DeLuca	Y Kifowit	Y Severin	

E - Denotes Excused Absence

105TH LEGISLATIVE DAY**Perfunctory Session****THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018**

At the hour of 12:24 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Stratton replaced Representative Tabares in the Committee on Labor & Commerce on February 28, 2018.

Representative Bourne replaced Representative Phillips in the Committee on Labor & Commerce on February 28, 2018.

Representative Mah replaced Representative Hernandez in the Committee on Labor & Commerce on February 28, 2018.

Representative Cassidy replaced Representative Slaughter in the Committee on Economic Justice & Equity on February 28, 2018.

Representative Ford replaced Representative Flowers in the Committee on Economic Justice & Equity on February 28, 2018.

Representative Keith Wheeler replaced Representative Stewart in the Committee on Revenue & Finance on March 1, 2018.

Representative Costello will replace Representative Rita in the Committee on Revenue & Finance on March 1, 2018.

Representative Yingling replaced Representative Tabares in the Committee on Fire & Emergency Services on March 1, 2018.

Representative Davis replaced Representative Sente in the Committee on Personnel & Pensions on March 1, 2018.

Representative Sente replaced Representative Rita in the Committee on Mental Health on March 1, 2018.

Representative Mah replaced Representative Lilly in the Committee on Mental Health on March 1, 2018.

Representative Moeller replaced Representative Fine in the Committee on Mental Health on March 1, 2018.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Wallace, Chairperson, from the Committee on Economic Justice & Equity to which the following were referred, action taken on February 28, 2018, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "do pass" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4743.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4743 is as follows:
6, Yeas; 3, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Wallace(D), Chairperson	Y Cassidy(D) (replacing Slaughter)
N McDermed(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Ammons(D)
A Davidsmeyer(R)	Y Ford(D) (replacing Flowers)
Y Gordon-Booth(D)	N Morrison(R)
A Reick(R)	N Skillicorn(R)
Y Stratton(D)	

Representative Hoffman, Chairperson, from the Committee on Labor & Commerce to which the following were referred, action taken on February 28, 2018, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4677.

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Standard Debate: HOUSE BILL 4324.

That the resolutions be reported “recommends be adopted” and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 783 and 787.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4677 is as follows:
25, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hoffman(D), Chairperson	Y Jones(D), Vice-Chairperson
A Ives(R), Republican Spokesperson	A Arroyo(D)
Y Bennett(R)	Y Breen(R)
Y Burke, K.(D)	Y Cassidy(D)
Y D'Amico(D)	Y Davis(D)
Y Frese(R)	Y Hurley(D)
Y Mah(D) (replacing Hernandez)	Y Mayfield(D)
Y Meier(R)	Y Bourne(R) (replacing Phillips)
Y Reick(R)	Y Sauer(R)
Y Stewart(R)	Y Stratton(D) (replacing Tabares)
Y Thapedi(D)	Y Walsh(D)
Y Wehrli(R)	Y Welch(D)
Y Wheeler, B.(R)	Y Wheeler, K.(R)
Y Williams(D)	

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4324 is as follows:
15, Yeas; 11, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hoffman(D), Chairperson	Y Jones(D), Vice-Chairperson
A Ives(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Arroyo(D)
N Bennett(R)	N Breen(R)
Y Burke, K.(D)	Y Cassidy(D)
Y D'Amico(D)	Y Davis(D)
N Frese(R)	Y Hurley(D)
Y Mah(D) (replacing Hernandez)	Y Mayfield(D)
N Meier(R)	N Bourne(R) (replacing Phillips)
N Reick(R)	N Sauer(R)
N Stewart(R)	Y Stratton(D) (replacing Tabares)
Y Thapedi(D)	Y Walsh(D)
N Wehrli(R)	Y Welch(D)
N Wheeler, B.(R)	N Wheeler, K.(R)
Y Williams(D)	

The committee roll call vote on House Resolution 783 is as follows:
25, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hoffman(D), Chairperson	Y Jones(D), Vice-Chairperson
A Ives(R), Republican Spokesperson	A Arroyo(D)
Y Bennett(R)	Y Breen(R)
Y Burke, K.(D)	Y Cassidy(D)
Y D'Amico(D)	Y Davis(D)
Y Frese(R)	Y Hurley(D)
Y Mah(D) (replacing Hernandez)	Y Mayfield(D)
Y Meier(R)	Y Bourne(R) (replacing Phillips)
Y Reick(R)	Y Sauer(R)
Y Stewart(R)	Y Stratton(D) (replacing Tabares)
Y Thapedi(D)	Y Walsh(D)
Y Wehrli(R)	Y Welch(D)
Y Wheeler, B.(R)	Y Wheeler, K.(R)
Y Williams(D)	

The committee roll call vote on House Resolution 787 is as follows:
21, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hoffman(D), Chairperson	A Jones(D), Vice-Chairperson
A Ives(R), Republican Spokesperson	A Arroyo(D)
Y Bennett(R)	Y Breen(R)
Y Burke, K.(D)	Y Cassidy(D)
Y D'Amico(D)	Y Davis(D)
Y Frese(R)	Y Hurley(D)
Y Mah(D) (replacing Hernandez)	Y Mayfield(D)
Y Meier(R)	Y Bourne(R) (replacing Phillips)
Y Reick(R)	A Sauer(R)
Y Stewart(R)	A Stratton(D) (replacing Tabares)
Y Thapedi(D)	Y Walsh(D)
Y Wehrli(R)	Y Welch(D)
Y Wheeler, B.(R)	A Wheeler, K.(R)
Y Williams(D)	

Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to which the following were referred, action taken on March 1, 2018, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "do pass" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4212.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4212 is as follows:
11, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Chapa LaVia(D), Chairperson	Y Costello(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y McAuliffe(R), Republican Spokesperson	A D'Amico(D)
Y Phelps Finnie(D)	Y Ford(D)
Y Frese(R)	Y Halpin(D)
Y Stewart(R)	Y Swanson(R)
Y Unes(R)	Y Williams(D)

Representative Walsh, Chairperson, from the Committee on Counties & Townships to which the following were referred, action taken on March 1, 2018, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4748.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4748 is as follows:
6, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Walsh(D), Chairperson	Y Yingling(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Halbrook(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Bennett(R)
Y Greenwood(D)	A Riley(D)
Y Welter(R)	

Representative Zalewski, Chairperson, from the Committee on Revenue & Finance to which the following were referred, action taken on March 1, 2018, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4279.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4279 is as follows:
8, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Zalewski(D), Chairperson	Y Harris, D(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Currie(D)	A Evans(D)
Y Martwick(D)	Y McSweeney(R)
Y Costello(D) (replacing Rita)	Y Sosnowski(R)
Y Wheeler, K.(R) (replacing Stewart)	A Turner(D)

Representative Willis, Chairperson, from the Committee on Fire & Emergency Services to which the following were referred, action taken on March 1, 2018, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass as amended” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4390.

That the resolution be reported “recommends be adopted” and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE RESOLUTION 809.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4390 is as follows:
5, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Willis(D), Chairperson	Y Hurley(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Cavaletto(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Swanson(R)
Y Yingling(D) (replaced Tabares)	

The committee roll call vote on House Resolution 809 is as follows:
5, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Willis(D), Chairperson	Y Hurley(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Cavaletto(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Swanson(R)
Y Yingling(D) (replaced Tabares)	

Representative Martwick, Chairperson, from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions to which the following were referred, action taken on March 1, 2018, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 4684.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4684 is as follows:
11, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Martwick(D), Chairperson	A Zalewski(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Morrison(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Ammons(D)
Y Batinick(R)	A Burke, K(D)
Y Chapa LaVia(D)	A Currie(D)
Y Drury(D)	Y Ives(R)
Y Jesiel(R)	Y McSweeney(R)
Y Davis(D) (replacing Sente)	Y Wehrli(R)

Representative Conroy, Chairperson, from the Committee on Mental Health to which the following were referred, action taken on March 1, 2018, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Standard Debate: HOUSE BILL 4341.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4341 is as follows:
11, Yeas; 9, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Conroy(D), Chairperson	Y Moeller(D) (replacing Fine)
N Demmer(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Andersson(R)
A Bellock(R)	N Crespo(D)
Y Feigenholtz(D)	N Kifowit(D)
N Jimenez(R)	Y Lang(D)
Y Mah(D) (replacing Lilly)	Y Manley(D)
N McDermed(R)	N Meier(R)
Y Mussman(D)	Y Sente(D) (replacing Rita)
N Severin(R)	N Spain(R)
Y Stratton(D)	N Unes(R)
Y Wallace(D)	

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 870

Offered by Representative Stratton:

WHEREAS, On January 15, 1867, the State of Illinois was one of the first of 28 states to ratify the 14th Amendment; on July 9, 1868, the 14th Amendment was formally ratified to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The 14th Amendment grants citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States; it prohibits states from making or enforcing any law that abridges the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; it prohibits states from depriving any person of life, liberty, or property, without the due process of law; and

WHEREAS, The 14th Amendment abolished the Three-Fifths Compromise, instead requiring that all persons be counted as whole persons, regardless of race; it prohibited former Confederacy civil and military officials from holding state or federal office; and

WHEREAS, These guarantees of the 14th Amendment are the bedrock from which modern civil rights movements were born; the scope of the 14th Amendment continues to be heavily litigated in civil rights cases in courts throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, To this day, African Americans still must overcome racism and discrimination perpetuated by institutions and individuals; food insecurity, failing educational systems, health disparities, pay inequity, and poverty disproportionately affect African Americans in the State of Illinois and throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, The culture of racism persists through white supremacists, neo-Nazis, the Ku Klux Klan, and other groups of hate, and the abhorrent speech and violence espoused by these groups only serves to spread hate and divisions and further hinders the progress that citizens of the United States have made with civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Our great democracy thrives because of our diversity in race, gender, faiths, sexual orientations, and political beliefs; our nation was built by the labor and toil of persons from many ethnic and racial backgrounds; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recognize not all citizens of this great country experience the full guarantees of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we condemn those who seek to dismantle the foundational values of civil rights, equality, and freedom in our State and nation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 871

Offered by Representative Meier:

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation recently updated rules impacting underground manhole and water vault design; and

WHEREAS, Concerns over the implementation of these new requirements have been raised by the construction industry as some estimate the manufacturing cost of these structures could increase by as much as 35%; and

WHEREAS, IDOT made concessions with the manufacturing industry to allow for the use of inventory already produced under the old standard while any production of new manholes will comply with the updated standard; and

WHEREAS, It is important to encourage manufacturing in Illinois and to provide for a cost efficient way for the construction industry to maintain and rebuild the infrastructure of the State while maintaining safety; and

WHEREAS, IDOT is currently reviewing the updated standards for underground manhole and water vault design; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Illinois Department of Transportation to implement standards that would not increase costs to the construction industry, the State of Illinois, or cities and municipalities, with increased cost for the production of underground manhole and water vault design; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to Secretary of Transportation Randall S. Blankenhorn and Governor Bruce Rauner.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 872

Offered by Representative Barbara Wheeler:

WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives wishes to promote transparency and ensure that all taxpayers are treated fairly; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Live Adult Entertainment Facility Surcharge Act was enacted in order to create a funding source to benefit victims of sexual assault through the imposition of a surcharge on adult entertainment facilities; and

WHEREAS, There are two methods that are used to collect the tax on adult entertainment facilities; either a surcharge imposed upon admissions or a surcharge on the gross receipts; and

WHEREAS, The funds collected from the surcharges are deposited into the Sexual Assault Services and Prevention Fund; and

WHEREAS, The revenue that was initially estimated at the time that the Illinois Live Adult Entertainment Facility Surcharge Act was passed is only half as much as first thought; and

WHEREAS, This lack of revenue directly affects the survivors of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly believes in ensuring that the survivors of sexual assault are protected and aided; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we request that the Department of Revenue conduct an audit to ensure that all adult entertainment facilities subject to the Live Adult Entertainment Facility Surcharge located within the State are complying with current law and the Live Adult Entertainment Facility Surcharge Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to the Director of Revenue.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 873

Offered by Representative Ammons:

WHEREAS, The introduction of exclusionary discipline should be used only as a method of last resort; and

WHEREAS, Exclusionary discipline is any type of school disciplinary action that removes or excludes a student from the their traditional educational setting; and

WHEREAS, Non-violent offenses carried out by students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade often result in suspension or expulsion from traditional school settings; and

WHEREAS, The offenses that lead to such discipline often stem from a child's emotional, social, or family-related issues; and

WHEREAS, Exclusionary discipline often leads to negative student outcomes, such as low academic performance, higher rates of drop-outs, failures to graduate on time, and even continued disciplinary problems; and

WHEREAS, Statistics show African American and Latino youth in Illinois are more often suspended or expelled when a progression of disciplinary steps do not have a positive effect on the issue; and

WHEREAS, From the new study "Girlhood Interrupted: The Erasure of Black Girls' childhood" released by Georgetown Law's Center on Poverty and Inequality, authors reported that adults view black girls as " ... less innocent and more adult-like than their white peers, especially in the age range of 5- 14"; and

WHEREAS, The study also states, "This new evidence of what we call the 'adulthoodification' of black girls may help explain why black girls in America are disciplined much more often and more severely than white girls - across our schools and in our juvenile justice system"; and

WHEREAS, The report continues by saying, "Black girls are five times more likely to be suspended as white girls, and twice as likely to be suspended as white boys"; and

WHEREAS, Lawmakers, educators, counselors, youth councils, lawyers, and judges in the State of Illinois have insight into the problems facing youth today; and

WHEREAS, A review of current practices as well as proposed ideas and policies are in order to change exclusionary practices to a restorative justice model for child discipline; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the practice of exclusionary discipline

among pre-kindergarten to 12th grade students occurs at a rate above and beyond that which is necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the U.S. Departments of Education, juvenile court officials, and other legal legislative and court staff to review current laws and policies related to exclusionary discipline practices in public schools for students in prekindergarten through kindergarten who have committed non-violent offenses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the review to 1) examine the number of exclusionary discipline actions issues by a local education agency (school district) and the length of each respective action, 2) detail the type of offenses committed by the student(s) that led to the disciplinary action, 3) review the impact the discipline had on the student(s), 4) examine restorative recommendations that may be used as opposed to exclusionary practices, 5) identify resources to support teachers, parents and school personnel as they work to address the child's social, emotional and behavioral health, and 6) encourage schools to adopt restorative justice and disciplinary practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, all members of the U.S. Congress, and other federal and Illinois state government officials as appropriate.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 874

Offered by Representative Ammons:

WHEREAS, High-speed Internet access service, referred to generically as "broadband advanced communication services," including both wired and wireless technologies, is essential in the 21st century for economic competitiveness and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois relies on broadband services to communicate with constituents, to enable city residents to interact with city services, and to permit voters to monitor and communicate with elected city leaders and appointed officials; and

WHEREAS, Broadband infrastructure is vital to the operation and management of other critical infrastructures, including energy generation systems, the power grid, water supply systems, smart cities, the Internet of Things, public safety and emergency response systems, medical facilities, educational institutions, and libraries; and

WHEREAS, Studies confirm that open Internet policies lead to increases in market-driven broadband deployment through the virtuous cycle; open Internet spurs innovation by users and online service providers, which increases the demand for broadband capacity, thus spurring more broadband infrastructure deployment, which in turn promotes additional innovation by users and service providers; and

WHEREAS, The provision and maintenance of equitable access to technology, broadband Internet access services, digital content, and classroom management tools are necessary for all students, teachers, and school administrators in Illinois in order to provide equal educational resources to all students at all education levels; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted open Internet rules on February 26, 2015 to protect free expression and innovation on the Internet and to promote investment in the nation's broadband networks; and

WHEREAS, Those open Internet rules ensure that consumers and businesses have access to a fast, fair, and open Internet by imposing three bright-line rules: (1) Broadband providers shall not block access to lawful content, applications, services, or nonharmful devices, (2) Broadband providers shall not impair or degrade lawful Internet traffic on the basis of content, application, or service, or use of a nonharmful device, and (3) Broadband providers shall not favor some lawful Internet traffic over other lawful Internet traffic in exchange for consideration of any kind; and

WHEREAS, Elimination of open Internet protections for consumers dampens the incentive for ISPs to increase broadband capacity at lower cost and increases the likelihood that ISPs will charge both consumers and content providers for transmission; and

WHEREAS, Because the Internet must be a place in which companies, large and small, as well as individual developers, can compete on a level playing field, the State of Illinois supports net neutrality as a principle that underpins a fast, fair, and open Internet for consumers and businesses to ensure equal access to lawful content by prohibiting paid prioritization, throttling, and blocking; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the State of Illinois respectfully urges the President of the United States and Members of the United States Congress, and all relevant federal offices to continue to protect net neutrality and open Internet access.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 875

Offered by Representative Ammons:

WHEREAS, Clean, safe, reliable water service is essential to the health and well-being of all residents of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Implemented regulations set in place by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SOWA) should be followed; and

WHEREAS, The events in Flint, Michigan, where thousands of mostly low-income residents were poisoned by contaminated water, have drawn attention to the harmful consequences of underinvestment in and slack oversight of water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Lead contamination tends to disproportionately impact communities of color, with studies having found a correlation between elevated lead poisoning rates and cities with large African American populations; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), U.S. water infrastructure across the country is rapidly deteriorating, with a significant portion far past its useful life; and

WHEREAS, The ASCE, which assigned the nation's drinking water infrastructure a grade of 'D' in its most recent Infrastructure Report Card, estimates that \$1 trillion in new investment is needed over the next 25 years to modernize this infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, There are over 52,000 community water systems in the U.S., 84% of which are owned by municipal or county governments; and

WHEREAS, Many municipalities in Illinois which provide water service to their residents lack the financial and technical resources needed to effectively maintain their systems and meet critical environmental and quality compliance requirements; and

WHEREAS, These interrelated issues, coupled with the financial struggles facing many local governments across the state of Illinois, have made it financially impractical for some municipalities to continue maintaining primary oversight of their water systems; and

WHEREAS, In some instances, the sale of a water system by a financially distressed municipal government can relieve fiscal pressure, spur infrastructure investment, and raise water quality; and

WHEREAS, Working with private entities in this matter via public-private partnerships can also allow municipalities to benefit from economies of scale, greater access to capital, and technical expertise; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois should be fully involved and consulted in any process that may affect the management of their water service; and

WHEREAS, The provision of water service by a private entity is subject to strict public utility and environmental regulation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we call on policymakers at every level of state government to pursue policies that prioritize the expeditious replacement of all remaining lead-based water infrastructure in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we declare our support and encourage municipalities and all other providers of water service to pursue the full range of options for assuring that water infrastructure in Illinois is as safe, modern, and as accessible as possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we support plans to provide water in emergency situations because individuals should have a right to water even under adverse circumstances and in the face of natural disasters; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the Vice- President of the United States, all members of the U.S. Congress, and other federal and state officials as appropriate.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 876

Offered by Representative Ammons:

WHEREAS, A primary and critical function of counties in the State of Illinois is enforcing laws and administering justice; and

WHEREAS, The costs of enforcing laws and administering justice are paid by the citizens of those counties through property, income, and sales taxes; and

WHEREAS, Counties have become increasingly reliant on fines and fees, including bond fees, to offset these costs; these fines and fees have become unreasonable and disproportionate; and

WHEREAS, These unreasonable and disproportionate fines and fees become excessive obligations placed upon criminal defendants because taxpayers believe that criminal defendants should bear the cost of the criminal justice system, when in fact all people, including taxpayers, benefit from the enforcement of laws and the administration of justice in the county; and

WHEREAS, Excessive criminal justice financial obligations contribute to unnecessary incarceration in county jails due to failures to pay a fine or fee, and unnecessary incarceration results in more unemployment and adds to the burden on taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Excessive reliance on overly punitive fines and fees encourages law enforcement and corrections decisions to be made on grounds other than public safety while undermining public confidence in the integrity of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Excessive reliance on excessive criminal justice obligations has a disproportionate and staggering impact on the poor; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge counties to impose fines and fees, including bond fees, only upon individuals convicted of a criminal offense; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge that fines and fees collected from offenders will only be used to fund programs and services and not to fund offices and salaries; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge counties to find ways to fund court costs, law enforcement, and pay for the administration of criminal justice without any reliance on fines and fees, including bond fees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when imposing fines and fees, the offender's ability to pay should be taken into account as one factor and arrangements such as discharging financial obligations through payment plans and community service should be offered; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all counties are urged to be fully transparent with regards to the types and amounts of fines and fees they impose, the mechanisms used and the costs involved in collections, and how the money collected is spent.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 877

Offered by Representative Ammons:

WHEREAS, The President currently has the sole authority to launch a nuclear attack without any required consultation or any system of checks and balances; and

WHEREAS, The first use of nuclear weapons against any other nuclear-armed nation would result in retaliation and invite the near total destruction of Illinois and any other state; and

WHEREAS, A single nuclear detonation comparable to those dropped during World War II would cause upwards of 164,750 fatalities and 204,410 injuries if detonated in Chicago, 14, 050 fatalities and 32,860 injuries if detonated in Springfield, 32,270 fatalities and 42,620 injuries if detonated in Champaign, 6,350 fatalities and 5,620 injuries if detonated in Mount Vernon, and 2,130 fatalities and 630 injuries if detonated in Cairo; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Illinois have the right to live a life free from the threat of the reckless use of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, Use and detonation of even a small number of nuclear weapons would have catastrophic human, environmental, and economic consequences globally and would impact everyone on the planet; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that our congressional representatives should take all necessary steps to establish a system of checks and balances with regard to the first use of nuclear weapons

and to ensure that the President shall no longer have the sole and unchecked authority to launch nuclear weapons, except in circumstances of retaliation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 883

Offered by Representative Jones:

WHEREAS, February 7, 2018 is the 17th annual commemoration and observance of National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, This observance is a nationwide effort to mobilize African-American communities to get educated, tested, involved, and treated for HIV/AIDS, as it continues to devastate African-American communities; and

WHEREAS, National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is directed, planned, and strategically implemented by HIV/AIDS organizations to mobilize community-based organizations and stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans account for 46.8% of people living with HIV, although they represent just 12% of the United States population; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 43,000 residents of Illinois are living with HIV (including the undiagnosed) and 52% of people newly diagnosed with HIV are African-American; and

WHEREAS, Young African-American gay men under the age of 30 in Chicago have an infection rate three times greater than their white counterparts; and

WHEREAS, At the current rate of infection, nationally 1 in 4 gay African-American men will become HIV-positive by the time they are 25, and 1 in 2 will have HIV by the time they are 35; and

WHEREAS, Of those African-Americans that are HIV-positive, fewer than half are prescribed antiretroviral therapy (HIV medication), and just 37% reach viral suppression; and

WHEREAS, Over two-thirds of women diagnosed with HIV in the United States are African-American; Center for Disease Control data reports that by race/ethnicity, African-American transgender women have the highest percentage of new HIV positive test results; and

WHEREAS, HIV medications taken daily (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis or PrEP) have a greater than 90% chance of preventing HIV infection in people who are HIV-negative, but awareness of PrEP and access to PrEP is low in the most vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly and administration failed to transfer money to the African-American American HIV/AIDS Response Fund resulting in an inability to make grants to organizations focused on fighting the epidemic in the African-American community; and

WHEREAS, Numerous organizations, faith-based institutions, public health entities, and impacted citizens are hosting community events to recognize this day and its importance to African-Americans and all concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we join with these local, national, and international groups to express our strong support for National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and the initiatives to prevent HIV/AIDS in African-American communities and provide access to and utilization of HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and support services to those affected by HIV/AIDS; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare February 7, 2018 as National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Illinois, and encourage local residents to strongly support this day and participate in events planned to commemorate the occasion.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 885

Offered by Representative Harper:

WHEREAS, The rape and sexual abuse of prisoners by other prisoners and staff plague prisons nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed unanimously by Congress and was signed into law in 2003 to hold the government accountable for these horrific acts; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Corrections claims to be fully committed to the eradication of prison rape and has adopted a "zero tolerance" policy in its facilities; and

WHEREAS, Under the purview of the Illinois Department of Corrections and its "zero tolerance" policy, 404 allegations of sexual harassment and abuse were filed in 2015; 118 of the allegations made were regarding members of the Department of Corrections staff; and

WHEREAS, Logan Correctional Center, one of only two female Corrections facilities in the State, has the highest number of sexual harassment and abuse allegations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Department of Corrections strengthen its commitment to PREA and eradicate sexual harassment and abuse in the correctional facilities in Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 886

Offered by Representative Evans:

WHEREAS, With 2,181 of highway miles, Illinois has the 3rd most mileage in the county; and

WHEREAS, Insufficient revenue to the funding mechanisms in place has taken a toll on the infrastructure of the State; currently, 20% of roads in Illinois are considered to be in "poor" condition and 31% are over 50 years old; it is estimated that by the year 2020, 40% of the roads will be in poor condition, as well as 20% of bridges; and

WHEREAS, On February 12, 2018, President Trump revealed the federal infrastructure plan, "Building America's Infrastructure"; the overarching theme of this plan is minimal federal support; and

WHEREAS, The federal plan assumes \$1.5 trillion of potential investment in the country's infrastructure systems with only \$200 billion of federal support; this would keep the states and local units of government on the hook for \$1.3 trillion of investment; and

WHEREAS, Pushing 86.7% of the burden of funding the rapidly deteriorating infrastructure system onto Illinois and the communities within its borders will not benefit this State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the members of the U.S. Congress not to enact President Trump's infrastructure plan and to work to develop a plan that provides equitable assistance to state and local units of government for infrastructure funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we will also work to develop a system to revamp the funding mechanisms for our crumbling infrastructure.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 5826. Introduced by Representative Currie, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 5827. Introduced by Representative Bennett, AN ACT concerning appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 5828. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning appropriations.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

Having been reproduced, the following bills were taken up, read by title a first time and placed in the Committee on Rules: SENATE BILLS 576(Yingling), 2275(Hurley) and 2419(Daniel Burke).

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following Senate Joint Resolution, received from the Senate, was read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Rules: SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25(Long).

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

February 28, 2018

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
100th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 768 from the 100th General Assembly, which would eliminate a route for charter school applicants and operators to appeal denial or closure decisions made by their local school boards.

This legislation would deny charter school applicants and operators the right to appeal local school board decisions through the Charter School Commission, instead sending every appeal to the judicial system. Furthermore, it would strip the Charter School Commission of responsibilities that are rightfully under its jurisdiction as a check on local school board decisions. The Commission has only approved 6 out of 48 appeals since its inception in 2011, and has a track record of careful consideration of what is best for students within local contexts, as it is statutorily bound to do. Further, the decisions of the Commission are already judicially reviewable. Current law provides applicants a second venue before turning to the courts.

The Charter School Commission is more well-equipped to facilitate the appeals process than local courts, and should continue to be empowered with the charge of ensuring that all Illinois children have access to a high-quality education.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 768, entitled "AN ACT concerning education", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

At the hour of 12:28 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.