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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Madigan in the chair.

Prayer by Pastor James Daniels of the Heights Church of God in West Frankfort.

Representative Chapa LaVia 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:

117 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representative Rita was excused from attendance.

REPORTS

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

Financial and Compliance Audit for Historic Preservation Agency, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial and Management Audit for The Teachers Academy for Mathematics and Science, April 2003, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Audit for Office of the State Appellate Defender, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Audit for Illinois State Board of Education, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Statement for Illinois State Board of Education, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Special Limited Compliance Audit Testing of State Appropriations for Southwestern Illinois Development Authority, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Audit for Southern Illinois University, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Supplementary Financial Information for Southern Illinois University, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Southern Illinois University, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Southern Illinois University Housing and Auxiliary Facilities System, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Southern Illinois University Medical Facilities System, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Annual Report for Illinois Department of Public Aid - Medical Assistance Program, FY 2000, 2001, and 2002, submitted by Illinois Department of Public Aid.

OMB Circular A-133 Reports and Supplementary Data for Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission.

Report on Revised Estimates for FY 2003 and FY 2004, April 2003, submitted by Economic and Fiscal Commission.

Annual Report on Public University Tuition and Fee Waivers, submitted by Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Annual Report for 2002, submitted by Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Annual Report for 2002, submitted by Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council.

Financial Audit for Eastern Illinois University Foundation, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial and Compliance Audit for Department of the Lottery, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Audit for Department of Veterans' Affairs - Central Office, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial and Compliance Audit for Illinois Farm Development Authority, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Department of Human Services, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Eastern Illinois University Alumni Association, Inc., year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Audit for Department of Military Affairs, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Audit for Department of Veterans' Affairs Illinois Veterans' Home at Anna, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial and Compliance Audit for Western Illinois University, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Audit for University of Illinois, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Supplementary Financial Information and Special Data Requirements for University of Illinois, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for University of Illinois, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for University of Illinois Auxiliary Facilities System, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Willard Airport Authority, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Construction Engineering Research Laboratory, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Health Services Facilities System, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Audit for Department of Natural Resources, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial and Compliance Audit for Office of the Treasurer - Fiscal Officer Responsibilities, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Illinois Ventures, LLC, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Audit for Illinois Ventures, LLC, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for University of Illinois Research Park, LLC, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Audit for University of Illinois Research Park, LLC, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Prairie Energy, Inc., year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Audit for Prairie Energy, Inc., two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Office of the Treasurer - The Illinois Funds, two years ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial and Compliance Audit for Illinois Conservation Foundation, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Office of the Treasurer - Bright Start College Savings Program, year ended June 30, 2002, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Flexible Work Schedule Plan, submitted by Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Flexible Work Schedule Plan, submitted by Illinois Department on Aging.

Flexible Work Schedule Plan, submitted by Illinois Labor Relations Board.

Flexible Work Schedule Plan, submitted by Illinois Medical District.

Flexible Work Schedule Plan, submitted by Illinois State Board of Investment.

Quarterly Report, April 2003, submitted by Adult and Juvenile Facilities.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the Floor Amendment be reported "recommends be adopted":
 Amendment No. 2 to HOUSE BILL 1521.
 Amendment No. 2 to HOUSE BILL 3399.
 Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 3429.

That the resolution be reported "recommends be adopted" and be placed on the House Calendar:
 Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:
 3, Yeas; 1, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie,Barbara(D), Chairperson	N Black,William(R)
Y Hannig,Gary(D)	A Hassert,Brent(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Turner,Arthur(D)	

COMMITTEE ON RULES REFERRALS

Representative Currie, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, reported the following legislative measures and/or joint action motions have been assigned as follows:

Aging: SENATE BILL 1067; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 5 to HOUSE BILL 1240.
 Consumer Protection: SENATE BILL 1063.
 Elementary & Secondary Education: SENATE BILLS 684, 890 and 902.
 Environment & Energy: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 909.
 Executive: SENATE BILLS 132, 151, 173, 487, 561, 610, 640, 737, 741, 885, 908, 974, 1054, 1064, 1069, 1073, 1074, 1095, 1098, 1193, 1200, 1379 and 1404.
 Human Services: SENATE BILLS 1079, 1081 and 1332.
 Judiciary I - Civil Law: SENATE BILL 632.
 Judiciary II - Criminal Law: SENATE BILL 423.
 Labor: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 2 to HOUSE BILL 2157.
 Local Government: SENATE BILL 609.
 Registration & Regulation: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 4 to HOUSE BILL 2231.
 Revenue: SENATE BILLS 873 and 1049.
 State Government Administration: SENATE BILLS 689 and 715.
 Develop Disabilities Mental Illness: SENATE BILL 809.

FISCAL NOTES SUPPLIED

Fiscal Notes have been supplied for HOUSE BILL 1110, as amended, and SENATE BILLS 22, 170, 606 and 1044.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by
 Ms. Hawker, 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. 31
 Concurred in the Senate, April 9, 2003.

Linda Hawker, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by

Ms. Hawker, Secretary:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3

A bill for AN ACT concerning discount prescription drugs for senior citizens.

SENATE BILL NO. 73

A bill for AN ACT concerning State Government.

SENATE BILL NO. 84

A bill for AN ACT with regard to schools.

SENATE BILL NO. 100

A bill for AN ACT concerning compensation of public officials.

SENATE BILL NO. 155

A bill for AN ACT concerning procurement.

SENATE BILL NO. 196

A bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.

SENATE BILL NO. 263

A bill for AN ACT in relation to health.

SENATE BILL NO. 600

A bill for AN ACT in relation to employment.

SENATE BILL NO. 683

A bill for AN ACT concerning certain financial institutions.

SENATE BILL NO. 813

A bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

SENATE BILL NO. 814

A bill for AN ACT concerning schools.

SENATE BILL NO. 878

A bill for AN ACT to implement the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

SENATE BILL NO. 973

A bill for AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

SENATE BILL NO. 1070

A bill for AN ACT in relation to educational labor relations.

SENATE BILL NO. 1116

A bill for AN ACT concerning credit cards.

SENATE BILL NO. 1125

A bill for AN ACT concerning consumer protection.

SENATE BILL NO. 1212

A bill for AN ACT concerning employment.

SENATE BILL NO. 1321

A bill for AN ACT regarding schools.

SENATE BILL NO. 1329

A bill for AN ACT in relation to juries.

SENATE BILL NO. 1378

A bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

SENATE BILL NO. 1414

A bill for AN ACT to amend the Hospital Licensing Act.

SENATE BILL NO. 1417

A bill for AN ACT concerning insurance.

SENATE BILL NO. 1442

A bill for AN ACT concerning drilling operations.

SENATE BILL NO. 1461

A bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

SENATE BILL NO. 1474
 A bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1492
 A bill for AN ACT concerning court actions.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1506
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to business organizations.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1510
 A bill for AN ACT concerning the freedom of information.
 Passed by the Senate, April 9, 2003.

Linda Hawker, Secretary of the Senate

The foregoing SENATE BILLS 3, 73, 84, 100, 155, 196, 263, 600, 683, 813, 814, 878, 973, 1070, 1116, 1125, 1212, 1321, 1329, 1378, 1414, 1417, 1442, 1461, 1474, 1492, 1506 and 1510 were ordered printed and to a First Reading.

A message from the Senate by
 Ms. Hawker, Secretary:
 Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the House of Representatives, to-wit:

SENATE BILL NO. 114
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to civil procedure.
 SENATE BILL NO. 280
 A bill for AN ACT concerning corrections.
 SENATE BILL NO. 315
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.
 SENATE BILL NO. 334
 A bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.
 SENATE BILL NO. 461
 A bill for AN ACT concerning State services.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1023
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1040
 A bill for AN ACT concerning schools.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1105
 A bill for AN ACT concerning municipalities.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1370
 A bill for AN ACT concerning counties.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1476
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1535
 A bill for AN ACT concerning rural technology enterprise zones.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1589
 A bill for AN ACT concerning public health.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1737
 A bill for AN ACT in relation to real property.
 SENATE BILL NO. 1750
 A bill for AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.
 Passed by the Senate, April 9, 2003.

Linda Hawker, Secretary of the Senate

The foregoing SENATE BILLS 114, 280, 315, 334, 461, 1023, 1040, 1105, 1370, 1476, 1535, 1589, 1737 and 1750 were ordered printed and to a First Reading.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Mautino, Chairperson, from the Committee on Insurance to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and 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: SENATE BILL 1104.

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 1104 is as follows:
9, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Mautino, Frank(D), Chairperson	A Berrios, Maria(D)
Y Bradley, Richard(D)	Y Brady, Dan(R)
A Colvin, Marlow(D)	Y Dunkin, Kenneth(D)
A Dunn, Joe(R)	Y Mitchell, Bill(R) (Lindner)
Y Osmond, JoAnn(R)	Y Pankau, Carole(R) (Aguilar)
Y Parke, Terry(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Phelps, Brandon(D)
A Rita, Robert(D)	A Yarbrough, Karen(D), Vice-Chairperson

Representative Hoffman, Chairperson, from the Committee on Transportation & Motor Vehicles to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and 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: SENATE BILLS 330, 563, 685, 1093, 1149 and 1581.

That the bill be reported “do pass as amended” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: SENATE BILL 272.

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 272 is as follows:
17, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hoffman, Jay(D), Chairperson	Y Bassi, Suzanne(R)
Y Black, William(R) (Cultra)	Y Brosnahan, James(D)
Y Forby, Gary(D)	Y Fritchey, John(D)
A Joyce, Kevin(D)	Y Lyons, Joseph(D)
Y Mathias, Sidney(R)	Y McAuliffe, Michael(R)
Y Miller, David(D), Vice-Chairperson	Y Millner, John(R)
Y Moffitt, Donald(R) (Beaubien)	A Molaro, Robert(D)
Y O'Brien, Mary(D)	Y Reitz, Dan(D)
A Soto, Cynthia(D)	Y Tenhouse, Art(R)
Y Wait, Ronald(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Watson, Jim(R)

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 330 is as follows:
15, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hoffman, Jay(D), Chairperson	Y Bassi, Suzanne(R)
Y Black, William(R) (Cultra)	Y Brosnahan, James(D)
A Forby, Gary(D)	A Fritchey, John(D)

A Joyce, Kevin(D)	Y Lyons, Joseph(D)
Y Mathias, Sidney(R)	Y McAuliffe, Michael(R)
Y Miller, David(D), Vice-Chairperson	Y Millner, John(R)
Y Moffitt, Donald(R) (Beaubien)	A Molaro, Robert(D)
Y O'Brien, Mary(D)	Y Reitz, Dan(D)
A Soto, Cynthia(D)	Y Tenhouse, Art(R)
Y Wait, Ronald(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Watson, Jim(R)

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 563 is as follows:

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

Y Hoffman, Jay(D), Chairperson	Y Bassi, Suzanne(R)
Y Black, William(R) (Cultra)	Y Brosnahan, James(D)
Y Forby, Gary(D)	A Fritchey, John(D)
A Joyce, Kevin(D)	Y Lyons, Joseph(D)
Y Mathias, Sidney(R)	Y McAuliffe, Michael(R)
Y Miller, David(D), Vice-Chairperson	Y Millner, John(R)
Y Moffitt, Donald(R) (Beaubien)	A Molaro, Robert(D)
Y O'Brien, Mary(D)	Y Reitz, Dan(D)
A Soto, Cynthia(D)	Y Tenhouse, Art(R)
Y Wait, Ronald(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Watson, Jim(R)

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 685 is as follows:

13, Yeas; 4, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hoffman, Jay(D), Chairperson	N Bassi, Suzanne(R)
N Black, William(R) (Cultra)	Y Brosnahan, James(D)
N Forby, Gary(D)	Y Fritchey, John(D)
A Joyce, Kevin(D)	Y Lyons, Joseph(D)
Y Mathias, Sidney(R)	Y McAuliffe, Michael(R)
Y Miller, David(D), Vice-Chairperson	Y Millner, John(R)
Y Moffitt, Donald(R) (Beaubien)	A Molaro, Robert(D)
Y O'Brien, Mary(D)	Y Reitz, Dan(D)
Y Soto, Cynthia(D)	A Tenhouse, Art(R)
Y Wait, Ronald(R), Republican Spokesperson	N Watson, Jim(R)

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 1093 is as follows:

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

Y Hoffman, Jay(D), Chairperson	Y Bassi, Suzanne(R)
Y Black, William(R) (Cultra)	Y Brosnahan, James(D)
Y Forby, Gary(D)	Y Fritchey, John(D)
A Joyce, Kevin(D)	Y Lyons, Joseph(D)
Y Mathias, Sidney(R)	Y McAuliffe, Michael(R)
Y Miller, David(D), Vice-Chairperson	Y Millner, John(R)
Y Moffitt, Donald(R) (Beaubien)	A Molaro, Robert(D)
Y O'Brien, Mary(D)	Y Reitz, Dan(D)
Y Soto, Cynthia(D)	Y Tenhouse, Art(R)
Y Wait, Ronald(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Watson, Jim(R)

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 1149 is as follows:

15, Yeas; 1, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hoffman, Jay(D), Chairperson	Y Bassi, Suzanne(R)
N Black, William(R) (Cultra)	Y Brosnahan, James(D)
Y Forby, Gary(D)	Y Fritchey, John(D)
A Joyce, Kevin(D)	Y Lyons, Joseph(D)

Y Mathias,Sidney(R)	Y McAuliffe,Michael(R)
Y Miller,David(D), Vice-Chairperson	Y Millner,John(R)
Y Moffitt,Donald(R) (Beaubien)	A Molaro,Robert(D)
Y O'Brien,Mary(D)	Y Reitz,Dan(D)
A Soto,Cynthia(D)	A Tenhouse,Art(R)
Y Wait,Ronald(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Watson,Jim(R)

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 1581 is as follows:

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

Y Hoffman,Jay(D), Chairperson	Y Bassi,Suzanne(R)
Y Black,William(R) (Cultra)	Y Brosnahan,James(D)
Y Forby,Gary(D)	Y Fritchey,John(D)
A Joyce,Kevin(D)	Y Lyons,Joseph(D)
Y Mathias,Sidney(R)	Y McAuliffe,Michael(R)
Y Miller,David(D), Vice-Chairperson	Y Millner,John(R)
Y Moffitt,Donald(R) (Beaubien)	A Molaro,Robert(D)
Y O'Brien,Mary(D)	Y Reitz,Dan(D)
A Soto,Cynthia(D)	Y Tenhouse,Art(R)
Y Wait,Ronald(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Watson,Jim(R)

Representative Reitz, Chairperson, from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation to which the following were referred, action taken on April 8, 2003, and 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: SENATE BILLS 257, 1085, 1521 and 1804.

That the resolution be reported "be adopted" and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20.

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bills 257, 1521 and 1804 is as follows:

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

Y Reitz,Dan(D), Chairperson	Y Brauer,Rich(R)
Y Cultra,Shane(R)	Y Eddy,Roger(R)
Y Flider,Robert(D)	Y Forby,Gary(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Hartke,Charles(D)	A Mautino,Frank(D)
Y Moffitt,Donald(R), Republican Spokesperson	A Myers,Richard(R)
Y O'Brien,Mary(D)	Y Phelps,Brandon(D)
Y Sacia,Jim(R)	Y Smith,Michael(D) (Davis)
Y Verschoore,Patrick(D)	Y Winters,Dave(R)

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 1085 is as follows:

11, Yeas; 2, Nays; 1, Answering Present.

Y Reitz,Dan(D), Chairperson	Y Brauer,Rich(R)
Y Cultra,Shane(R)	Y Eddy,Roger(R)
Y Flider,Robert(D)	Y Forby,Gary(D), Vice-Chairperson
P Hartke,Charles(D)	A Mautino,Frank(D)
Y Moffitt,Donald(R), Republican Spokesperson	A Myers,Richard(R)
Y O'Brien,Mary(D)	Y Phelps,Brandon(D)
N Sacia,Jim(R)	Y Smith,Michael(D) (Davis)
Y Verschoore,Patrick(D)	N Winters,Dave(R)

The committee roll call vote on House Joint Resolution 20 is as follows:
14, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Reitz,Dan(D), Chairperson	Y Brauer,Rich(R)
Y Cultra,Shane(R)	Y Eddy,Roger(R)
Y Flider,Robert(D)	Y Forby,Gary(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Hartke,Charles(D)	A Mautino,Frank(D)
Y Moffitt,Donald(R), Republican Spokesperson	A Myers,Richard(R)
Y O'Brien,Mary(D)	Y Phelps,Brandon(D)
Y Sacia,Jim(R)	Y Smith,Michael(D) (Davis)
Y Verschoore,Patrick(D)	Y Winters,Dave(R)

Representative Brosnahan, Chairperson, from the Committee on Consumer Protection to which the following were referred, action taken on April 8, 2003, and 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: SENATE BILL 243.

That the bill be reported "do pass as amended" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: SENATE BILL 244.

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 243 is as follows:
6, Yeas; 5, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Brosnahan,James(D), Chairperson	N Churchill,Robert(R)
Y McCarthy,Kevin(D), Vice-Chairperson	Y McGuire,Jack(D)
Y Mendoza,Susana(D)	N Millner,John(R)
N Parke,Terry(R) (Froelich)	N Pihos,Sandra(R)
Y Rita,Robert(D) (Fritchey)	N Tenhouse,Art(R), Rep. Spokesperson (Bost)
Y Washington,Eddie(D)	

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 244 is as follows:
11, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Brosnahan,James(D), Chairperson	Y Churchill,Robert(R)
Y McCarthy,Kevin(D), Vice-Chairperson	Y McGuire,Jack(D)
Y Mendoza,Susana(D)	Y Millner,John(R)
Y Parke,Terry(R) (Froelich)	Y Pihos,Sandra(R)
Y Rita,Robert(D) (Fritchey)	Y Tenhouse,Art(R), Rep. Spokesperson (Bost)
Y Washington,Eddie(D)	

Representative Joseph Lyons, Chairperson, from the Committee on Financial Institutions to which the following were referred, action taken on April 8, 2003, and 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: SENATE BILL 562.

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 562 is as follows:
10, Yeas; 2, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Lyons,Joseph(D), Chairperson	A Bellock,Patricia(R)
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Y Burke, Daniel(D), Vice-Chairperson
 A Davis, Monique(D)
 A Dunn, Joe(R)
 Y Holbrook, Thomas(D)
 Y Jones, Lovana(D)
 Y Mathias, Sidney(R)
 Y Meyer, James(R)
 A Molaro, Robert(D)

Y Capparelli, Ralph(D)
 A Davis, Steve(D)
 Y Giles, Calvin(D)
 Y Hultgren, Randall(R)
 N Kosel, Renee(R)
 Y McAuliffe, Michael(R)
 N Mitchell, Bill(R), Republican Spokesperson
 (Lyons, Eileen)
 A Morrow, Charles(D)

Representative Hamos, Chairperson, from the Committee on Housing & Urban Development to which the following were referred, action taken on April 8, 2003, and 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: SENATE BILL 414.

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 414 is as follows:
 16, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Hamos, Julie(D), Chairperson
 Y Biggins, Bob(R)
 Y Froehlich, Paul(R)
 A Jefferson, Charles(D)
 Y Leitch, David(R), Republican Spokesperson
 Y Munson, Ruth(R)
 A Osterman, Harry(D)
 Y Rose, Chapin(R)
 A Slone, Ricca(D)
 Y Stephens, Ron(R) (Sullivan)

Y Bailey, Patricia(D)
 A Feigenholtz, Sara(D)
 Y Graham, Deborah(D)
 Y Kelly, Robin(D)
 Y McKeon, Larry(D), Vice-Chairperson
 Y Nekritz, Elaine(D)
 Y Poe, Raymond(R)
 Y Ryg, Kathleen(D)
 Y Sommer, Keith(R)
 Y Winters, Dave(R)

Representative Flowers, Chairperson, from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Access to which the following were referred, action taken earlier today, and 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: SENATE BILL 460.

The committee roll call vote on Senate Bill 460 is as follows:
 17, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Flowers, Mary(D), Chairperson
 Y Bailey, Patricia(D)
 Y Chapa LaVia, Linda(D)
 Y Fritchey, John(D) (Lang)
 Y Hassert, Brent(R)
 Y Krause, Carolyn(R)
 Y May, Karen(D), Vice-Chairperson
 A Mulligan, Rosemary(R)
 Y Ryg, Kathleen(D)
 Y Sommer, Keith(R)

Y Aguilar, Frank(R)
 Y Berrios, Maria(D)
 Y Coulson, Elizabeth(R)
 A Graham, Deborah(D)
 Y Howard, Constance(D)
 Y Kurtz, Rosemary(R), Republican Spokesperson
 Y Miller, David(D)
 Y Munson, Ruth(R)
 Y Slone, Ricca(D) (Slone)
 A Stephens, Ron(R)

CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP

Representative Feigenholtz asked and obtained unanimous consent to be removed as chief sponsor and Representative Flider asked and obtained unanimous consent to be shown as chief sponsor of SENATE BILL 96.

Representative Steve Davis asked and obtained unanimous consent to be removed as chief sponsor and Representative Holbrook asked and obtained unanimous consent to be shown as chief sponsor of SENATE BILL 1054.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

Having been printed, the following bill was taken up, read by title a first time and placed in the Committee on Rules: SENATE BILLS 3, 73, 150, 155, 199, 263, 267, 318, 363, 467, 591, 600, 683, 714, 878, 884, 1122, 1125, 1207, 1329, 1417, 1442, 1527, 1530, 1543, 1586, 1640, 1649, 1774, 1777, 1864, 1881 and 1918.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

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

HOUSE BILL 3723. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations and reappropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3724. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3725. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Smith, AN ACT making appropriations and reappropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3726. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3727. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3728. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3729. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3730. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3731. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3732. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3733. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3734. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3735. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3736. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3737. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3738. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3739. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Slone, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3740. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT concerning bonds.

HOUSE BILL 3741. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3742. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3743. Introduced by Representatives Madigan - Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3744. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3745. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3746. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3747. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3748. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3749. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3750. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3751. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3752. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3753. Introduced by Representatives Madigan - Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3754. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3755. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3756. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3757. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3758. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3759. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3760. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3761. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3762. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3763. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3764. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3765. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3766. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3767. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3768. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3769. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3770. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3771. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3772. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations and reappropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3773. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3774. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3775. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3776. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3777. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3778. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3779. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3780. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3781. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3782. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3783. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3784. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3785. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3786. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3787. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3788. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Feigenholtz, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3789. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3790. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Morrow, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3791. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3792. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3793. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3794. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 3795. Introduced by Representatives Hannig - Davis, Monique, AN ACT making appropriations.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 203

Offered by Representatives Bellock, Biggins, Cross, Daniels, Dunn, Froehlich, Hultgren, Eileen Lyons, Meyer, Millner, Munson, Pankau and Pihos:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to congratulate Berardo J. "Dee" DeSimone on the occasion of his retirement as Regional Superintendent of Schools for DuPage County and to thank him for his devotion and commitment to education for 59 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1944, when he was 19 years old, Mr. DeSimone began his career with the Chicago Board of Education as Recreational Director; he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1949 from DePaul University; he holds an All Grade Supervisory Certificate, a High School Certificate, and an Elementary Supervisory Certificate; he received his Master of Science Degree from Northern Illinois University in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeSimone was a teacher for the Chicago Board of Education from 1948 until 1950; from 1950 until 1952, he valiantly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, He returned home to work in Berkeley School District #87 from 1952 until 1974, serving in various positions including Assistant Principal, Director of the Physical Education Department, Principal, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and finally as Superintendent of Schools; in 1973, he was honored with the Cook County Superintendent Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeSimone was employed by the Illinois State Board of Education from 1974 until 1976; he served as Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools and then First Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools for DuPage County from 1976 until 1985; he has been the Regional Superintendent of Schools of DuPage County since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeSimone has been a strong and effective leader, committed to increasing the learning opportunities available to all students; he has been actively involved with citizen's committees, PTA groups, and other service clubs in order to obtain new ideas for the management of DuPage County schools; he has served as chairman of several groups including the Illinois State Board of Education Health/Life Safety Advisory Board Committee, the Public Education Committee of the DuPage Division of the American Cancer Society, and the Selective Service Board #52, Great Lakes, Illinois; he has served on governor's committees and is a member of several professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeSimone married Sally Rose DeLuca on November 11, 1951; he moved to Elmhurst in 1957 where he lives today; he is a member of Visitation Catholic Church; he is the father of four children, the grandfather of nine, and great-grandfather of three; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Mr. Berardo J. "Dee" DeSimone on the occasion of his retirement as Regional Superintendent of Schools for DuPage County, and we thank him for his devotion and commitment to education for 59 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Berardo J. "Dee" DeSimone as a token of our respect and esteem and with our best wishes for a peaceful and relaxing retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 204

Offered by Representative McCarthy:

WHEREAS, On June 30, 2003, Dr. Peter Yuska will be retiring after 34 years of service in Orland School District 135; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yuska began his career in 1969 as a teacher at Orland Jr. High School, and was named Assistant Principal for Orland Jr. High and High Point Schools in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Since 1976, he has served as Principal at Park, Doctor, Jerling, Liberty, and Orland Jr. High Schools; since 1998, he has led the school district as Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yuska plans to spend his retirement with his wife, Patricia; his daughters, Tracy and Michelle; and his grandson, Steven; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr. Peter Yuska for many years of hard work and dedication in Orland School District 135 and wish him good health and happiness in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented the Dr. Peter Yuska with our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 205

Offered by Representatives Capparelli, Joseph Lyons, McAuliffe and Saviano:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Michael L. Caringella, Sr. on Tuesday, March 25, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caringella was born on March 3, 1924 to Achille and Angela Caringella; he was raised in an Italian neighborhood and began working in his parents' butcher shop on Taylor Street when he was a young boy; he attended Crane High School in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caringella valiantly served his country in World War II from 1943 to 1946 as a member of the Coast Guard in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, Mr Caringella joined with his friend Armand Christopher to open Armand's Restaurant & Lounge, a pizza shop located at 7400 W. Grand Avenue in Elmwood Park; he became the sole owner after Mr. Christopher moved to Arizona; throughout the years, he expanded the restaurant from the original 50 seats to 200 and opened two more restaurants, one in Elmhurst and the other in St. Charles; and

WHEREAS, The restaurant was truly a family business for Mr. Caringella; his mother was the head cook at Armand's for almost 40 years; his two sons and daughter work at the restaurant, and each of his ten grandchildren have worked there; he was the owner of Armand's for 47 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caringella was a person dedicated to his family and business, generous with his time, money, and knowledge, and extremely helpful to everyone; his favorite pastimes included reading, watching old films, and working; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Michael L. Caringella, Sr. has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Ann; his daughter, Angela Cecola; his sons, Gil and Michael, Jr.; his sisters, Frances LaPorte, Mary Fiore, Rosalie DeMarte, and Elisabeth Casale; his brother Ralph; and his ten grandchildren; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Michael L. Caringella, Sr. and extend to his family and friends our sincerest condolences; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Michael L. Caringella, Sr. as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 207

Offered by Representative May:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Barbara LaPiana on the occasion of her retirement as mayor of Lincolnshire; and

WHEREAS, Ms. LaPiana has served the Lincolnshire community for the past twelve years as mayor; during her tenure as mayor there have been many accomplishments including building and occupying a new Village Hall, annexing Stevenson High School and the Vernon Area Public Library, the renovation of all town parks and development of new parks, street improvements, building the first section of the downtown North Village Green, the development of many areas, and welcoming many new businesses to town; and

WHEREAS, During the past 12 years, Lincolnshire has had no real estate tax increase to residents and the population has grown from 4,931 in 1991 to 6,300 in 2003; the town has attained an optimum ratio of residential (61%) to business (39%) that assures a very favorable tax base; and

WHEREAS, Mayor LaPiana has previously served in several capacities in the community including 12 years on the School Board for District 103, where she was President for six years, six years on the School Board for District 125, past President and Secretary of the Greater Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Lake County, where she served as a Board Member for six years, the YMCA of Lake County Board, the Special Education District of Lake County, where she was a past Executive Board Member and Foundation Member, and the Moraine Girl Scout Council, where she is an Executive Board Member and was a past Finance Chair; and

WHEREAS, Mayor LaPiana served as an executive board member for the Northwest Municipal Conference, the Lake County Municipal League, and Metropolis 2020, and she was a board member of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Mayor LaPiana is the Director of Medical Staff Development at the University of Illinois

Chicago Weiss Hospital; she worked previously in recruitment at Grant Hospital in Chicago and as the Physician Personnel Manager/Director of Managed Care at Medical Management, Inc. in Lincolnshire; she has attended City Colleges of Chicago and Wright College in Chicago as well as the College of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, She is the mother of six children and the grandmother of 12 with one on the way; in her retirement, she plans on spending more time with her family and working with charity organizations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Lincolnshire Mayor Barbara LaPiana on the occasion of her retirement and thank her for her dedication to the citizens of Lincolnshire; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Barbara LaPiana as a token of our respect and esteem and with best wishes for a peaceful and relaxing retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 208

Offered by Representative Morrow:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Mary Dorothy "Bambi Jackson" Smith on Sunday, March 23, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was born on December 5, 1934 in Chicago to Clifton and Lillie Jackson; she met and married Kenneth Smith at her alma mater, DuSable High School; she also attended George Williams and Kennedy-King College, where she received her Associate Degree in preschool education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith first began performing on the stage at the world famous "Club Delisa", where she adopted her stage name, Bambi Jackson; she worked there as a regular under the strict guidance of Sammy Dyer; she joined Yolanda Johnson Productions and traveled through Florida and on to Nassau, where she learned the calypso dance, voodoo chants, flaming limbo, and other fire dances, which she became famous for performing worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her stage career, Ms. Smith performed for and with the best of the best performers and musicians including Nat King Cole, Harry Belafonte, Paul Anka, Count Basie, Ray Charles, B.B. King, Jerry "Iceman" Butler, Brook Benton, Ben E. King, Bobby "Blue" Bland, Jackie Wilson, and Richard Pryor; she performed for President John F. Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold McMillan; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was honored by author Dempsey J. Travis when he included her in his bestseller "An Autobiography of Black Jazz"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith returned to Chicago and began working in the Chicago Park District; she was a volunteer dance instructor for children and adults at Washington Park; she rose through the system after implementing new programs such as the yoga and dance programs which were extremely popular with park patrons of all social backgrounds; she became a supervisor and was a leader by example, providing guidance, knowledge, and support to the development of Park District employees; she made people believe in themselves and strive for the best in everything they did; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Ms. Smith has been deeply felt by many, especially her daughter, Tanya Maria; her son, Kenneth, Jr.; her sister, Cordelia James; her granddaughter, Nisha Clark; her nieces, Bernadine, Bernadette, and Sheila; her nephews, Robert and Lewis; her great-nieces, Alisha and Francie; and her great-nephews, Vincent and David; in addition, her loss has been felt by Uncle Jacques, Aunt LaVerne and Aunt LeVora (Lee), Darlene McGhee, Godson Ricardo Barland, and a host of other family members and friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Mary Dorothy "Bambi Jackson" Smith and extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mary Dorothy "Bambi Jackson" Smith as an expression of our sincere condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 209

Offered by Representative Morrow:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Hope Reed Beckwith; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beckwith was born on December 25, 1921 in Chicago to George and Carrie Downing; she attended McCosh Elementary School and Englewood High School; following her graduation, she pursued courses in business at a local college; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beckwith was a member of St. Philip Lutheran Church for over 75 years; she was a long-standing member of the Altar Guild and Ladies Auxiliary Society and was committed to service at her church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beckwith retired from the State of Illinois when she was 62 years old; she spent her days after retirement with her husband, Madison (Mat) Beckwith; they enjoyed travelling and visiting friends across the country and celebrating good times with family; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beckwith celebrated her 40th year as a member of The Roaming Eight Social Club and will be remembered as a faithful and fun-loving card player; she was also a member of a Keno club and was a sports enthusiast; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Mrs. Beckwith has been deeply felt by many, especially her husband, Mat Beckwith; her sister-in-law, Melvinia; her nieces and nephews, Ernestine, Gerald, Jr., Sylvia, Crystal, George, Gilbert, Hope, and Gina; her great-nieces and great-nephews, George, Jamila, Saidah, Lawrence, Lyonel, Celeste, Tiffany, Leslie, Crysta, Sandy, and Adero; her great-great-nieces, Joe, Nefatarri, and Trinity; and her many, many friends and relatives; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Hope Reed Beckwith and extend to her friends and family our deepest sympathy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Hope Reed Beckwith as an expression of our sincere condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 210

Offered by Representative Yarbrough:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives congratulate Beverly Crawford of Maywood upon receiving an award for Mother of the Year from Mel-Mecia Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawford was raised in Maywood and attended Proviso East High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawford is a member and minister in the New Kingdom Christian Center Church in Maywood with Pastor Victor and (sister) Gayla Walker; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Crawford with her husband Frederick Crawford, who died in 1992, began adopting children 25 years ago; she is currently single and has 6 adopted children, five of whom have disabilities: Jovonne, Chante', Frederick, Gregory, Alexa, and Brittany; and

WHEREAS, She has two brothers, Marty and Shane; five sisters, Gayla, Alicia, Pamela, Consuella, and Delta; and two grandchildren, Dezjia and Symphanee'; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Crawford is very active in the community, she serves on the Board of Community Support Services in Brookfield, the Task Force of Family Support Network, the Parent Advisory Board of East Proviso High School District 209, the District 89 Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Board Member, and she serves on the Executive Board of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) of Garfield School; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Beverly Crawford on receiving the award for Mother of the Year from Mel-Mecia Healthcare and wish her good health and happiness in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Beverly Crawford as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 211

Offered by Representatives Krause and Mathias:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois would like to congratulate Prospect Heights Mayor Edward P. Rotchford on the occasion of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rotchford served as an alderman for the City of Prospect Heights, beginning in 1985; he served on the Public Works Committee; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, he became mayor of Prospect Heights; he also served as the Acting City Administrator from February of 2002 until February of 2003; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as mayor, the city has received grants for several projects and the improvement of Prospect Heights, including over \$20 million for the airport; the city also received money for a Metra Parking Lot and Train Station, for Lake Arlington to alleviate flooding to Prospect Heights homeowners who live along McDonald Creek, for Levy 37 which helped stop flooding to east side residents, for Lake Michigan water, and for resurfacing streets in the Rob Roy subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rotchford has been a member of several organizations while serving as mayor, including the National League of Cities, the Illinois Municipal League, and the Northwest Municipal Conference, where he served as president and vice president; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rotchford and his wife, Carol, have lived in Prospect Heights for 27 years; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Prospect Heights Mayor Edward P. Rotchford on the occasion of his retirement and thank him for his faithful service to the City of Prospect Heights; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor Rotchford as a token of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 212

Offered by Representative McGuire:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives congratulate Brother Louis Piskur on his retirement after 47 dedicated years of service to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and Local 176 on February 28, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Brother Piskur was initiated into the Local on May 14, 1959; along with working in the field as an apprentice, journeyman, foreman and superintendent, he also taught at the Local apprenticeship for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Mr. Piskur became the first full-time training director of the Local and his tenure as director led to many great changes; and

WHEREAS, The apprenticeship has grown from just over 100 students to over 400 currently; and the day school he implemented is proving to be a great success; and

WHEREAS, His greatest achievement has been the Associate's Degree in Electrical Construction Technology at Illinois Valley Community College, upon completion of the five-year apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS, Brother Piskur has donated countless hours of hard work and dedication to many organizations within the Local and surrounding areas; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Brother Louis Piskur as he retires after many years of hard work for the IBEW and Local 176, and we wish him good health and happiness in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Brother Louis Piskur with our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 213

Offered by Representative Saviano:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Zaccagnino family

of Elmwood Park on being the winner of the first season of the reality TV show "My Life is a Sitcom"; and

WHEREAS, "My Life is a Sitcom" is a new reality series that is televised on ABC Family; network executives conducted a nationwide talent search to find a real family to star as themselves in a television sitcom based on the family's real life and invited any family that wished to enter the contest to submit a videotape of themselves to the network; the Zaccagninos were among hundreds of families from across the country that submitted a videotape to ABC Family; and

WHEREAS, Of the hundreds of videotapes submitted to the network, eight families that the network felt could be entertaining enough to have their own sitcom were selected, including the Zaccagninos; television production crews were dispatched to each of the eight homes to see how funny these families really were; and

WHEREAS, The network featured one family per week for eight weeks; shortly after the conclusion of the eighth week, the Zaccagninos were declared the winners by a three-judge panel consisting of Dave Coulier, Maureen McCormick, and David Faustino; the Zaccagninos won the exclusive right to star in a sitcom pilot based on their real lives, which was shot in front of a live studio audience in Hollywood, California, and aired nationwide on March 24, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Zaccagnino family are Bob, Karen, Dianne, Camille, and Danny; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Zaccagnino family on being named television's funniest family on "My Life is a Sitcom"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Zaccagnino family.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 214

Offered by Representative Brosnahan:

WHEREAS, The City of Hometown was built by J.E. Merion as a community for men returning from service in World War II; the first home was built in 1949 and the town began filling up with service men; and

WHEREAS, Hometown consists of 1,546 duplex homes, 384 co-op apartments, and four privately owned apartment buildings; the community has two schools, Our Lady of Loretto Roman Catholic Grade School and Hometown Elementary School, kindergarten through sixth grade; Hometown has two shopping centers, three parks, a public library, a Fire Protection District with volunteer paid on call firefighters; and

WHEREAS, There are many original owners still living in Hometown as well as many third and fourth generation families; a concept important to Hometown is that of neighbor; and

WHEREAS, The city government consists of a Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and 10 Aldermen; there is a full-time Police Department with a full-time Chief and over 30 part-time patrol men and women; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hometown survived the tornado and snow storm of 1967 by pulling together as a community and helping one another; several current members of the city administration were born and raised in Hometown; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the City of Hometown on the occasion of its 50th anniversary on June 6, 2003; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Donald L. Robertson, Mayor of the City of Hometown, as a token of our respect and esteem and with our best wishes for the continued success of the community.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 215

Offered by Representative Brosnahan:

WHEREAS, Education is one of the most noble pursuits for the future of our country and those citizens who have selflessly agreed to oversee the education of our children are to be commended; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate James O'Brien

on his retirement as President of the Evergreen Park Community High School District 231 Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Brien will be completing his term on Tuesday, April 8, 2003 after serving on the board for 8 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Brien was elected to the Board of Education on November 1995, and re-elected in 1999; he served as Board Vice President from December 2000 to November 2001 before taking the position of Board President, a position he has held since July of 2002; and

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate James O'Brien on his retirement as President of the Board of Education of Evergreen Park Community High School District 231 after many years of distinguished service and dedication to its students; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to James O'Brien with our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 216

Offered by Representative Brosnahan:

WHEREAS, Education is one of the most noble pursuits for the future of our country and those citizens who have selflessly agreed to oversee the education of our children are to be commended; and

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate William Keyser on his nine years of service to the Evergreen Park Community High School District 231 Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keyser was first elected to the Board of Education in November of 1993; he was re-elected in 1997 and again in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keyser served as Board of Education Vice President from November of 1993 until December 2000; he served as the President of the Board of Education from December of 2000 until July of 2002; and

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Mr. William Keyser on his retirement and thank him for his years of service to the Evergreen Park Community High School District 231 Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. William Keyser as a token of our respect and esteem and with best wishes for a relaxing retirement.

RECESS

At the hour of 11:55 o'clock a.m., Speaker Madigan moved that the House do now take a recess for the Governor to address the Joint Session.

The motion prevailed.

JOINT SESSION 12:00 O'CLOCK NOON

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

The Senate, preceded by the Honorable President Jones, 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 Philip 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 His Excellency Governor Rod Blagojevich and invite him to address the Joint Assembly.

The motion prevailed.

The President of the Senate announced his appointments, as Members of such Committee, on the part of the Senate: Senators Pamela Althoff, Jacqueline Collins, Denny Jacobs, Dale Risinger and Jeffrey Schoenberg.

The Speaker of the House announced the appointments, as Members of such Committee, on part of the House: Representatives Robert Biggins, Linda Chapa LaVia, Steve Davis, David Miller and Ruth Munson.

His Excellency, Governor Rod Blagojevich, was admitted into the Hall of the House of Representatives, and was presented to the General Assembly, to deliver his message in person as follows:

2003 BUDGET MESSAGE – FY 2004 GOVERNOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2003

Our State faces a
five billion dollar deficit.

Today – I'm going to give you a blueprint for solving this crisis.

It won't be easy or simple.

But you're about to hear the details, so I hope you're all sitting down.

I'd like to welcome our Constitutional Officers. Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Comptroller Dan Hynes, Treasurer Judy Barr Topinka, and Secretary of State Jesse White.

I'd also like to recognize the Director of the Budget, John Filan, and his talented and hardworking team.

When I came into office, My Administration had to come to grips with the size of the State's fiscal problems --

An unprecedented five billion dollar Budget deficit.

Over the last few months John Filan has worked hard to wrap his hands around this Budget.

And once I'm done with this speech today, many of you may want to wrap your hands around his neck.

But before I begin, I'd like to ask all of us to take a moment and say a prayer for the brave men and women of our Armed Forces at war in Iraq.

Our prayers go out to them and to their loved ones.

Please join me now, for a moment of prayer.

Our prayers also go out to the innocent civilians caught between hostilities,

And for our President, as he leads our country during this time of war.

Illinois faces a five billion dollar Budget deficit.

Five billion dollars.

The largest in our history.

This unprecedented Budget deficit is the result of several things.

Structural challenges like rising healthcare costs, particularly medicaid.

A tax-structure based on an industrial economy that has now become a service economy.

And an economic downturn that our State Government didn't react to quickly enough -- even though all the signals were there.

It's a deficit made worse by mismanagement, by shady accounting,

By rampant overspending.

Some people see this historic Budget deficit as an insurmountable hurdle. That the only way to balance the Budget, is to either raise taxes on working families.

Significantly cut spending in critical areas like education, healthcare and public safety

Or even worse, a combination of both.

Well I have a different answer.

I see this Budget deficit as an opportunity.

An opportunity to bring about the fundamental changes that the people of Illinois demanded last November.

An opportunity to shake up a system in desperate need of reform.

An opportunity to have the people believe in us again.

Today I am presenting to the General Assembly, and to the people of Illinois, a Balanced Budget.

If we do this right we will do more than just balance the Budget. We will regain the trust and the confidence of the people.

The Budget I'm presenting today asks for a lot of shared sacrifice.

But this is not the time to ask taxpayers to sacrifice by bailing out a system that desperately needs to be changed.

At the same time we must not sacrifice our commitment to educating our children, to providing healthcare for those who need it, and to keep the public safe.

If the Legislature sends me a Budget that raises the income tax or the sales tax I will veto it.

Illinois is a low-income tax state and I'm going to keep it that way.

If the Legislature sends me a Budget that cuts K-12 Education, Healthcare or Public Safety I will veto that too.

We will not balance the Budget by sacrificing our values.

Instead, we will balance the Budget by ending business as usual.

In the last two Budget Addresses, you were told that the Budget being presented to you was a balanced Budget.

In fact, those Budgets only told half the story.

For decades the State underfunded its pension funds. The accumulated deficit will cost the state \$2 billion dollars this year alone.

You didn't see that in any past Budget.

Medicaid costs were hidden behind questionable projections and mythical savings.

After three years of shoddy accounting, our medicaid deficit is almost \$300 million dollars.

You didn't see that in any past Budget either.

Previously, a \$200 million dollar shortfall was covered up by ignoring the impact of increased deductions on State tax revenues.

It is time for honest Budgeting and long-term planning.

In the past, each Budget was designed to get from one fiscal year to the next.

From now on, our Budgets will build the foundation for long-term structural reform.

And we'll need to plan for a rainy day. Things go wrong all the time. We need insurance.

This Budget makes a down payment on a fund that can help us when times are hard.

Spending used to be on auto pilot. No cost benefit analysis was performed before taxpayer dollars were spent -- and once programs were in place -- they stayed there.

Not anymore.

Going forward every program is going to be accountable -- no matter how long it's been around.

In the last election the voters gave control of the Legislature and the Governor's Office to Democrats.

As a Democrat --I'm happy about that.

But I am not the Democratic Governor of Illinois. I'm the Governor of Illinois who happens also to be a Democrat.

The problems and challenges we confront are way too big to be stuck in that old paradigm of Democrats vs.

Republicans.

Turning this fiscal crisis into the opportunity to regain the public confidence means all of us working together

Both chambers of the Legislature

Both sides of the aisle.

The stakes are too high to do anything else.

Tough times require tough choices.

So let me say at the outset, there will be some things in this Budget that you won't like.

And then again, there will be some things in this Budget that you won't like.

So let's start with the things in this Budget that you won't like.

Actually, let's begin by seeing how we can do more with less.

This is an unprecedented time to re-think the way Government works.

From the moment I took office my team has scrutinized how our State spends money.

Within three short months we have been able to identify over one and a quarter billion dollars in cuts and reductions without affecting frontline services.

The first step is to cut the waste that has cheated the taxpayers for far too long.

The Department of Public Aid does not need to expand into new office space, at a cost of \$600,000 dollars per year, when its staff size has declined by 600 people.

The Department of the Lottery does not need class AA office space, in the Streeterville neighborhood, one of the most expensive in Chicago.

The State of Illinois does not need to pay its 512 computer consultants two to three times the market value.

Why should we pay over twice as much per minute to use a cell phone than the average consumer?

Why should the State pay 20 percent more for windshield-washer fluid than the average consumer?

Why should State Agencies spend millions of dollars on new computers when software is available to perform the same functions for 20 cents on the dollar?

The State Police does not need 216 more cars than officers.

And the Department of Corrections certainly does not need its own plane. We will ground that plane and save the state \$800,000 dollars.

Administrative cuts alone will save this State over \$175 million dollars.

The remaining \$1.1 billion dollars will come by doing more with less.

The kind of waste I just described may be hard to find, but it's easy to cut.

But making programs work more efficiently is harder.

Extra operating hours, under-utilized recreational programs, Semi-annual conventions, new equipment, and travel are the sorts of items that can be cut from a department's Budget, without affecting its provision of services.

Can someone make a compelling argument for just about every existing program?

Perhaps.

But when times are this hard you have to make choices. Leadership is all about setting priorities.

The choice I made was to protect the honest, hardworking person who goes to work and pays taxes, to protect our investments in education, healthcare and public safety, and to protect the consumer.

I've directed each agency and department, to cut administrative costs by 10% on average.

In addition, operational reserves were reduced by 8%.

Grants and Awards will be reduced by 5%, except in the critical areas of K-12 Education, Health Care, and Public Safety.

If you total Agency Consolidations, Appropriation Reductions and other cost saving measures, along with spending cuts, the total savings to taxpayers is one and a quarter billion dollars, for the latter half of fiscal year 2003 and for all of fiscal year 2004.

Let me repeat --

This is a Budget where we've made difficult choices.

These choices have allowed us to balance the Budget.

The cuts by Department are as follows:

The Department of Aging. \$6.24 million dollars in cuts.

This reflects a reduction in administrative costs and a reduction of personnel from 126 to 114 for a savings of \$850,000 dollars.

The Department will cut \$5 million dollars in grants, due to lower than projected caseloads in the Community Care Program.

These cuts will help us cover the growing cost of paying for home healthcare workers and it means that instead of increasing by \$13.6 million dollars, the Department of Aging's Budget will only increase by \$7.3 million dollars.

The Department of Agriculture.

\$14.8 million dollars.

Administrative spending will be reduced by \$3.1 million dollars. These savings will be achieved through personnel reductions, and reduced spending on electronic data processing and contractual services.

An additional \$5.5 million dollars in grants will be cut.

The Department of Central Management Services.

\$90.2 million dollars.

Personnel will be reduced by 177 positions, and non-critical repair and maintenance projects will be delayed.

Upgrades and repairs at The Thompson Center and Bilandic Building will have to wait -- saving the State \$444,000 dollars in general revenue funds.

And CMS'S Effingham Regional Office will not get a new roof as scheduled, saving a further \$450,000 dollars.

Should it rain in Effingham, we are confident the existing roof will suffice.

Consolidation of Education Technology Programs to CMS'S Technology Office, will provide savings and the know how, to make technology improvements at all levels of education

These cuts will help us deal with the skyrocketing expense of paying for employee healthcare.

Although the costs of providing healthcare for state employees is going up an additional \$385 million dollars, our negotiations drove down
The price by \$75 million dollars from what the previous administration had expected to pay.

The Department of Children and Family Services.

\$48.9 million dollars.

Savings come from a personnel reduction of 253, and reductions in equipment purchases, leases, and grants.

But let me make this clear, we are going to take the money saved by eliminating inefficiency, and send it right back into the agency to protect the welfare of our children.

The Department of Commerce and Economic opportunity. \$243 million dollars.

These savings will be achieved by reducing 28 Administrative positions, as well as making cuts in travel, equipment, telecommunications, and delaying or canceling permanent improvements.

Telecommunication savings will include \$40,000 dollars, including the elimination of 100 cell phones, and \$100,000 dollars from storing
e-mail and other electronic files at CMS.

Grants will be cut by \$241 million dollars.

And the department will also merge existing workforce training programs, to avoid duplicate services and administration--saving the State \$16 million dollars.

The Department of Corrections.

\$69.7 million dollars in reductions.

Administrative spending will be streamlined by eliminating five layers of bureaucracy.

We will have cut the bureaucracy by 1,273 positions since the beginning of fiscal year 2003, and save \$64 million dollars. Corrections will also suspend the construction of prisons in Hopkins Park, saving \$76.3 million dollars. And we will not open three other prisons.

In fact, we are in the middle of negotiations that would rent them to the Federal Government.

And of course, we're getting rid of that plane.

The money we save here, will be reinvested to help pay for new measures to keep the people safe. This includes reopening Sheridan Prison as a National Model Drug Offender Center, and launching operation spotlight to keep an eye on repeat offenders.

The Department of Financial Institutions.

\$1.7 million dollars.

Administrative spending will be cut by \$741,000 dollars, through headcount reductions from early retirements and the hiring freeze, as well as cuts in contracts, commodities, printing, equipment and electronic data processing.

The Department of Human Rights.

\$941,400 dollars, reflecting a reduction of \$619,000 dollars in administrative costs that includes a reduction in personnel.

The Department has also eliminated its Press Office.

The Department of Human Services.

\$73.6 million dollars.

Administrative cuts total \$36.4 million dollars, including significant reductions in personnel.

Additional cuts include \$9.1 million dollars in operations for equipment, contractual services, telecommunications, and travel.

\$16.7 million dollars will be cut by eliminating excess bed capacity.

Cutting those 120 beds will reduce desired flexibility, but will not affect the delivery of health services, as the agency will continue to maintain the required 2.4 resident to staff ratio.

Human services has 216 local offices and warehouse leases. 216!

We're canceling and consolidating 42 of them, saving \$5.4 million dollars in leases and utilities alone.

In one instance, Human Services had three offices less than half a mile from Comiskey – well, actually, it's Cellular – Ah, Comiskey Park. Those three offices were consolidated into one.

Department of Insurance.

\$4 million dollars.

In addition to personnel reductions, the agency will reduce spending for travel, equipment purchases and contractual services.

Department of Labor.

\$1.1 million dollars.

A significant portion of cuts will result from personnel reduction.

Department of Military Affairs.

\$2.4 million dollars in reductions.

These cuts result from limiting or eliminating spending on equipment, printing and electronic data processing purchases.

Also, the Department will put more of an emphasis on repairing equipment instead of purchasing it new.

However, in order to provide economic relief to the families of our soldiers, called up to active duty in Iraq, The Department's overall Budget has increased by a total of \$8.7 million dollars. \$5 million dollars of which is being dedicated to the families of Illinois residents now on active duty.

Next year's tax forms include a check-off box to help the families of our soldiers.

We all know about the risks they're taking and the sacrifices they're making to serve our nation in a time of war.

If we can make their lives a little easier, if we can help put their minds at ease, as citizens, it is our duty to do so. When you fill out your tax forms next year, please keep our soldiers in mind.

Department of Natural Resources.

\$204 million dollars.

This will include cuts of \$10.2 million dollars in administrative costs and a personnel reduction of 126, reductions of \$9 million dollars in grants, and \$6 million dollars in waterway improvements.

Department of Professional Regulation.

\$3.6 million dollars.

The Department will eliminate 26 positions as well as cancel its access to online law books.

Department of Public Aid.

\$49.2 million dollars in cuts.

The Department of Public Aid's Budget reflects operational cuts including reducing personnel from 2,794 to 2,521. This will save \$29.1 million dollars.

The Department will also close and consolidate six offices which will save \$1.2 million dollars.

Because of Medicaid --, Public Aid spending will increase by \$689 million dollars. Although this is a huge jump, it represents the first honest accounting of Medicaid spending in years.

The increase will allow us to finally begin paying hospitals and nursing homes, within 60 days or less.

If the State expects a service to be provided, we should pay for it within a reasonable amount of time.

And you should note; -- We are also not cutting payment rates for hospitals, nursing homes or medical providers. The health of our citizens and the health of the facilities that serve them is too important to jeopardize.

Department of Public Health.

\$24 million dollars.

Much of that comes from a personnel reduction of 114 -- A savings \$2 million dollars.

The Department of Revenue:

\$120 million dollars.

Much of that amount, \$103 million dollars, is in grant reductions.

The Department of the Lottery, the Illinois Racing Board, and the Liquor Control Commission, will be consolidated with the Department of Revenue saving an additional \$2.1 million dollars.

State police:

\$39.1 million dollars will be saved and reinvested in public safety.

\$8.4 million dollars of those cuts will be achieved through early-retirement and a total personnel reduction of 206.

We will also save over \$20 million dollars by foregoing new purchases that aren't essential.

These reductions will not impact public safety. They will not reduce patrols on our highways or our streets.

These reductions will balance out the cost of more aggressive crime fighting initiatives, including our new crackdown on club drugs, like ecstasy.

Department of Transportation --- \$484.5 million dollars.

Spending reductions include not replacing 115 early retirement positions in Administration and Personnel.

There will also be a reduction of 624 positions, through reorganization and reallocation of existing staff.

There will be no layoffs of current employees. No projects will be canceled from the road program. However, there will be significant deferrals.

Department of Veterans' Affairs.

\$6.1 million dollars in cuts.

\$1.2 million dollars in savings will be achieved by reducing staffing levels, and cutting other expenses.

But let me make this
clear ----

We are not cutting any programs our Veterans rely upon. We will not turn our backs on the people who have risked their lives to defend ours.

The Office of Banks and Real Estate.

\$6.3 million dollars.

Administrative spending will be reduced by \$2.4 million dollars.

This will be achieved through a personnel reduction of 18 positions —
Substantially reduced travel expenditures —and cutbacks in equipment, electronic data processing, and contractual services.

The office will also downsize the Financial Literacy Project.

Historic Preservation. \$4.1 million dollars in cuts.

Savings come from Administrative reductions. No Historic Sites will be closed.
Funding for the Lincoln Library will remain at last year's level, but it will no longer be consumed with salaries.

The fact that the Lincoln Library has been seen as a playground for patronage is simply unacceptable. Every penny should be used to promote and enhance Abraham Lincoln's legacy.

He is Illinois' gift to the world and the this Presidential Library should embody all he stood for.

Environmental Protection.

\$37.4 million dollars.

This agency will now cover its own costs.
Fees — Permits — and Penalties -- will fund the expense of cleaning up after polluters.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal. \$3.1 million dollars.

These savings will be achieved in large part by reducing administrative personnel by 19.

The Department of Nuclear Safety. \$4.2 million dollars.

When the Department is consolidated into the Illinois Emergency Management Agency — We'll save even more.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

\$1.4 million dollars in cuts.

That money will be reinvested — into a new program to provide state-of-the-art protection equipment — to our first responders.

The Department of Employment Security Budget will remain at last year's level, but its workforce development programs will be transferred to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The Capitol Development Board. \$246 million dollars.

The majority of these cuts come from the suspension of the Capital Program for State Facilities, And moving capital planning responsibilities to the Budget Office.

The Illinois Commerce Commission -- \$11.7 million dollars --- mainly in Administrative cuts.

The Illinois Arts Council: \$1.9 million dollars

McPier: \$5 million dollars.

This is a cut in the subsidy given by the State to McPier — Every year, these funds are generally used to cover McPier's utility costs.

It's not a cut we'd like to make — but in these difficult times -it's a cut we have to make.

I could go on --Agency by Agency — Function by Function —
But I promised I'd cut waste, so I won't waste your time.

The rest of the Boards and Agencies will be cut \$7.3 million dollars — and all of the specific cuts are available in our Budget books.

As you can see --many departments have found that one of the best ways to do more with less — is to reduce staffing levels.

A department that gets the job done with fewer people — is a more productive department — and operates more like a business.

In the previous administration, it took 69,000 employees to serve the people. In fiscal year '04 -- we'll do a better job with 63,000 — that's 6,000 fewer—and the lowest head count in State Government since 1991.

Less government—More service.

We are seizing the opportunity presented by attrition and early retirement.

The previous administration had planned to replace half of those employees. We believe we can do better.

Of positions left open due to early retirements — State Executive Agencies will limit themselves to rehiring only 29% if the salaries are paid out of the General Revenue Fund — and 32% overall.

Front-line employees — those who work directly with the public -will be replaced if they retire.

But if we otherwise replace just one in three of those non-frontline employees – we can save almost \$60 million dollars this year alone.

Several smaller State Agencies will now share staff and office space — in both Springfield and Chicago.

These new shared service centers will let eight different agencies — get by with: One fax — One copier — and a whole lot less than before.

This is what it means to do more with less.

Speaking of doing more with less -- on The Subject of Boards and Commissions -- This is certainly one area the public would like to do more with – and see less of.

On February 27 -I announced that I would streamline the number of The State's Boards and Commissions — cutting back their spending by 60%.

Less means fewer members - fewer dollars - and a lot more accountability.

This Budget eliminates 11 boards whose functions were redundant — and reduces the number of members on many others.

For example:

The Water Resources Advisory Council is a board doing work that is already under the purview of other commissions and departments.

The Mining Board and the Miners' Examining Board — will be consolidated.

The Educational Labor Relations Board — will be merged with the Illinois Labor Relations Board.

And a final example is the Necropsy Service to the Coroners Advisory Board.

By Executive Order — I hereby pronounce that board dead.

By consolidating boards — we are sending a strong message to the bureaucrats — it's time to get a real job.

And no more double-dipping. Take the Pollution Control Board -for example. The days of receiving \$99,000 dollars a year — for less than part-time work — are over.

If you are holding a full-time job somewhere else — how can you do full time work for us?

This is what the voters were talking about in November.

Going forward -if you want to be a member of a full-time board — you are required to work full-time. That means five days a week --- full time.

And members of Boards like The Pollution Control Board will be prohibited from earning outside income.

Change means the taxpayers are finally going to get their money's worth.

We are also putting an end to stipends for board members - and dramatically reducing per-diems.

And we are holding the line on pay increases for managers in State Government.

If you are not protected by a union contract -we cannot offer you a raise this year.

In addition — for managerial employees, we can no longer have the State pay for both the employer's -and employees — share of the pension contribution.

We will continue to pay our share — but we can no longer afford both.

I know that's not good news for many hardworking -dedicated employees — but we cannot afford the \$35 million dollars it would cost to pay for it.

And of course —that applies to Me, My Cabinet, My Department Heads, and my Staff as well.

Turning down state employees' cost of living increases is difficult.

Many of the decisions taken in developing this Budget were difficult.
But I have to tell you — I was surprised at the number of easy choices.

It seems obvious that The Department of Revenue — should include all agencies whose main purpose is revenue generation.

The Lottery — The Racing Board — and The Liquor Control Commission — will now be moved to The Department of Revenue.

This will initially save \$2.1 million dollars at the outset — but more importantly — it will ultimately make those agencies much more efficient — and collect more money.

Frankly -- I don't know why they didn't do this before.

In addition, we are also:

Merging The Pollution Control Board into The Environmental Protection Agency.

Merging the two will allow us to save money on administrative costs without compromising the Board's independence.

Moving The Environmental Trust Fund Commission into the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Consolidating The Statewide Bonding Authorities.

Merging the Department of Nuclear Safety — into the Illinois Emergency Management Agency,

And consolidating Illinois' 30 separate fragmented job-training programs across State agencies into one program: -- the 21st century jobs training initiative.

This will save \$16 million per year. The program will be run by the new Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity — whose mission is to create jobs — and expand economic activity — throughout Illinois.

Right now — if you have two agencies doing related work — you have to pay two different specialists.

You have to have two types of letterhead. Two sets of offices.
Too much of too muchif you ask me.

My Budget calls for saving an additional \$91 million dollars — by consolidating the purchasing of:

- * supplies
- * commodities
- * equipment and improving procurement procedures.

We can also save another \$20 million dollars by using information technology more effectively.

Now, I've talked a lot about how our agencies can be more efficient -- but we have to lead by example.

I have cut back expenditures in the Governor's Office by 15%.

And Lt. Governor Pat Quinn — has put forth a proposal to cut over 15% of his Budget.

But the truth of the matter is — we aren't going to balance this Budget without you— the Legislators.

When I took office—I placed all Member initiatives on hold. We are reviewing every single project, many will be approved, But not all.

If the initiative furthers Education — Health Care — Public Safety or Economic Development—we're for it.

If it doesn't—we're not.

At this point—I've laid out my spending priorities loud and clear: Education—Healthcare—Public Safety.

In cutting waste—we must also look at our Capital Program.

Most State Building projects are justified. Roads—Schools—and Hospitals—are necessities.

And any commitments this government has made—to build or repair vital facilities— we will continue.

But Capital expenditures—for projects that do not affect critical areas—will have to wait.

Everyone must sacrifice.

My Budget calls for a Capital Program of \$10.7 billion—down from \$12.3 billion.

In addition— we've curbed new bonding authority for The State's General Obligation Bond Program back to \$1.5 billion next year. That's a savings of \$500 million in capital funding.

And in the case of upkeep --I will not sign off on remodeling State buildings unless it's a matter of safety— or critical maintenance.

New spending on University facilities will also be limited.

I am preserving Community College Capital Funding at \$50 million —fulfilling the State's commitment to turn temporary buildings into permanent facilities.

The following other projects must also go forward.

Last year—\$500 million was allotted for school construction.

\$500 million will be allotted for school construction this year too.

Another critical commitment is roads

The road fund will continue to pay \$227 million—a partial share of Secretary of State and State Police costs—associated with keeping our roads safe. That’s the same amount as last year.

Some \$1.7 billion will go toward the road program—\$50 million less in transportation bonds than last year. that’s a total road program of \$4.7 billion— more than enough to keep our projects moving forward .

We are also using the capital-spending portion of the Budget—to send a message regarding the importance—of truthful accounting. We have removed items dating back to the 1980s listed for re-appropriations—that obscure the real size of the Budget.

In this speech—you have heard the details—perhaps a few too many—on the cuts and consolidations we need to make—and on our efforts to do more with less.

I want every citizen to be able to read this Budget and have it make sense. I also want them to like what they see.

I didn’t run for Governor—to manage a State of Decline. We have to move Illinois forward.

That’s why—this Budget—makes investments in areas essential to our future.

I pledged that we would protect—and even increase—funding for education—health care and public safety—even in these difficult times.

This Budget delivers on that promise.

Other Governors faced with Budget deficits—have chosen to temper their ambitions for public education.

I am moving ahead with innovative programs that can’t wait. Because once the window of opportunity for learning in a child’s life closes—it can be closed forever.

Educational programs that help kids learn to read are at the heart of this administration’s mission.

That is why I am increasing the funding available to schools—from \$4,560 to \$4,810 per child —

That’s \$250 more per child – the largest increase since 1999.

Schools can do a lot more with these extra funds—to improve what matters most—teaching in our classrooms.

Even in this Budget crisis—by increasing state funding and consolidating several discretionary categorical grants—we’re taking \$235 million of increased funding out of Springfield and sending it to local schools—where it belongs.

For years— State Government shortchanged our young people by diverting money away from education—missing out on our best investment.

But that’s going to change.

We must never forget that increasing education spending is a priority.

This Budget will expand access to preschool. I have Budgeted almost \$30 million of new funding so that an additional 8,230 at-risk children can attend.

There are currently 25,000 children at risk of falling through the cracks.

They should all have the opportunity to attend preschool.

How are we going to pay for all of this? By setting the right priorities.

We will move more money into education by taking it out of the bureaucracy across State Government and by putting it into the classroom.

We are also going to make the education system more effective.

Too much bureaucracy weighs down the State's educational system.

Take for example, The Regional Offices of Education.

While some of the programs they offer may have some benefit, -- this extra layer of Administrators is a luxury we simply cannot afford.

My Budget will redirect the State's \$20.2 million dollar subsidy that helps pay the salaries of Administrators and put it into the classrooms.

Kids don't need programs. They need teachers.

We've eliminated 24 grant programs and service lines—and transferred four more programs to other state agencies.

And with fewer programs to run—we need less bureaucracy at The State Board of Education.

We've cut their central office \$9 million and put that in the classroom too.

All totaled—streamlining the education bureaucracy will produce \$210 million in financial and programmatic flexibility at the local school level.

Another \$567 million will remain in initiatives proven to provide clear benefits to students.

These include programs like early childhood— reading, vocational education—and test assessments.

We can also help local school districts save money by allowing them to pool their health insurance contracts and reign in the ever spiraling costs of covering their employees.

And finally -- let me say this once and for all -- we will make the state's 23rd and 24th payments to local school districts -- on-time.

We are also going to help parents pay for their children's college education—and help reduce our Budget deficit at the same time.

Our plan for higher education is three-fold. first—we will cut back on administration. second—we will protect financial aid. and third— we will stabilize tuition costs.

In total, higher education cuts will provide over \$112 million towards deficit reduction. Working with the universities, we have been able to identify savings that will not impact what happens inside the classroom.

Private colleges and universities will also carry their fair share of the burden.

My Budget calls for the elimination of enrollment-based subsidies for Private Colleges. That will save the state \$21 million.

However, we will continue funding health education grants at Private Colleges in the amount of \$17 million. That includes incentives to reach out to underserved areas and for minority student scholarships.

Additionally, we will fund scholarships at medical schools in the amount of \$3 million for students who agree to practice medicine in underserved areas.

But let me tell you, what I am not going to cut in the higher education Budget—financial aid.

For most people—college only comes around once. We will not deny needy students access to higher education.

I will not repeat—the last administration's mistake—by slashing funding to the Monetary Award Program.

My Budget protects the MAP grant so that all students can still afford to go to all Illinois Universities. I'm maintaining that program at \$336 million.

On top of that, we are adding \$4.1 million dollars to the new future teachers program.

Higher education is now the biggest investment many families ever make outside of buying a home.

When a child enters college—it is unlikely that the family Budget will increase each year until they graduate.

And yet we expect families to increase outlays for tuition—over those four years.

Last year —tuition costs at our State Universities increased by 10.7%.

In addition to the \$112 million we received from the universities for deficit reduction, an additional \$58.9 million will be set aside to help off-set tuition increases.

We can use those funds and some of our own to truly hold the line on tuition.

I believe that we should be able to limit the increase for incoming freshmen to 5%. And I also believe that the tuition you pay as a freshman ought to be the tuition you pay as a senior.

If we do that, we can help make college affordable for Illinois families.

Healthcare—is another area—where I refuse to make sacrifices.

It starts with Kidcare. Kidcare is designed to cover children, whose parents can't afford health care.

This Budget adds 20,000 children to the kidcare program. Our plan increases the eligibility to 200% of poverty --from the current level of 185% . This will cost the state \$11 million.

This Budget extends coverage to an additional 65,000 parents—through the Familycare Program. This first year—we'll increase the Budget by \$63 million, of which \$40.1 will come from the Federal Government.

In addition—the creation of a special advocate to negotiate with drug companies—on behalf of all State Agencies—will allow us to offer seniors prescription drugs—at a drastically reduced cost—and save the state \$120 million.

We will also give Medicaid recipients every incentive to use generic drugs instead of the costlier brand name versions. This will save the Medicaid program \$49 million.

And we will ask the Federal Government for permission to expand our circuit breaker prescription drug coverage program to include all drugs.

We can also do more with the funds we already spend to help seniors.

First—we are increasing the eligibility for full coverage—from individuals living at or below 200 percent of the poverty level.

We will reach an additional 50,000 people by increasing the cutoff to individuals living at or below 250 percent of the poverty level.

Then—by shifting this program from The Department of Revenue to The Department of Public Aid—we will not only save the state \$10 million—but increase the program's remaining Budget from \$46 million to \$93 million—through federal matching grants.

That's twice the amount of money—and a whole lot of relieved retirees.

It is important to remember—that healthcare is about more than dollars and cents.

It's also about human dignity.

That's why this Budget proposes increasing support for home health care programs.

Home health care allows people with disabilities—to keep control over the services they receive.

And like many good ideas—it is also—often the most cost-effective choice.

Also in the area of health care—I will put aside \$2 million to support our Local Governments in their efforts to combat the west Nile virus.

Let's not forget – that public safety is the first duty of Government.

That is why we are putting \$6 million into operation spotlight — aimed at targeting re-offenders by hiring more parole officers.

Our Budget also includes—the reopening of The Sheridan Prison—as a national model drug treatment center— at a cost of \$24 million.

And it includes a new crackdown—on the use of club drugs—almost exclusively funded with drug-forfeiture assets.

Public safety isn't just about law enforcement. We are creating a \$10 million revolving loan program—to help communities purchase new firetrucks.

And at cost of \$7 million dollars we will also purchase new equipment for first responders.

And we are continuing our strong efforts to combat terrorism with the creation of a State Terrorism Intelligence Center in Springfield.

Illinois has been ranked as one of the three most prepared states in this nation when it comes to the issue of homeland security. We should take every possible step to keep it that way.

This is a Budget that puts the taxpayers money where it belongs.

Instead of funding waste, patronage and inefficiency, this Budget funds education, healthcare and public safety.

It funds programs that help people.

Even with these investments, this is the first time since 1981 that state government spending has actually

decreased from one year to the next.

And this Budget makes the kind of structural changes to our agencies and our Budget that will truly allow us to restore this state's fiscal health and integrity for the first time in over a decade.

Now, I've been speaking for a while ... but please bear with me ...
There's a lot more ground to cover ---

At least all of you get to sit down.

I've just detailed how we can shrink the Budget gap, from the spending side.

Now I'm going to detail how we can shrink the gap, from the revenue side.

Here's the blueprint on revenues.

Let's start with the sacred cows of Illinois Government, the hundreds of earmarked funds.

Currently, there are 597 earmarked funds in this State. Funds like the Illinois Tourism Fund, The Beach Marina Fund, and The Grape and Wine Resource Fund.

At a time when the State is in the red by \$5 billion, these Special Purpose Funds actually have approximately \$3 billion in surplus.

These funds are the best-kept secret in State Government. They are special pools of money. They have authority to raise revenue by charging fees, but they are also guaranteed money from the General Revenue Fund.

This is one State, one Government, but we have essentially two Budgets -- one Special Interest Budget -- that's doing great --

And one Budget for everybody else, that's beyond broke.

As our schools have been underfunded, as our families have gone without decent healthcare, these special interest funds have prospered and grown. Now it's time they give something back.

Currently, the special interests these funds serve contribute
Nothing --- nothing --- to the general revenue fund for services provided by the state.

Taxpayers pay for their rent, payroll, procurement accounting, purchasing, and revenue collection. These functions have been paid for out of the General Revenue Fund, by the people, instead of going to things that matter like education or healthcare or public safety.

Well, we're going to change that.

This Budget places, on average, a recurring 5% service charge on these funds. This will generate \$330 million to help balance our Budget.

The Lobbyists aren't going to like it. But 5% for administrative costs is not only fair, it's a bargain. These funds would pay a lot more if they had to outsource these services.

Also, we are going to tap into the funds' stash of millions of dollars that are not tied to specific uses of any kind.

We are moving \$144 million to the general revenue fund from funds controlled by special interests.

Our State Government needs to regain financial control over these Special Interest Funds. We need a reduction in the number of these funds and ultimately their resources should be pulled into the General Revenue Fund.

This is exactly what special interests don't want. They want their dollars locked in, hidden apart from the main Budget, like money stashed in Swiss Bank Accounts.

But if we don't change this practice now, when will we have the chance again? The public has called for change.

Now is the time. In addition, many of our agencies are supported both by the General Revenue Fund, and by Fees.

In many cases, the fees should be able to support our agencies, without taking additional dollars from the taxpayer's wallet.

The Environmental Protection Agency, The Department of Natural Resources, and The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity are all examples of agencies that charge fees.

They should be able to pay for their operations from special interest fees, rather than from taxpayer dollars.

For example, there are more than enough corporations who need pollution permits to fund the EPA.

Many Illinois fees are significantly below the national average. And many have not been addressed or updated in decades.

But from now on, polluters will pay \$21 million per year to clean up the hundreds of Illinois lakes and rivers they dirty with their dumped garbage and industrial waste.

In total, these fee increases will raise \$342 million.

But, let me make this clear -- none of these fees will affect the average consumer.

We will not raise tollway charges.

We will not raise University fees.

We will not raise the cost of hunting or fishing licenses.

And let me repeat a promise you've heard me make before. I said it once. I'll say it again. We will not raise the food card. Not one dime. Not one nickel. Not one penny.

But, in light of a \$5 billion deficit we are updating non-consumer fees.

For example, in the Secretary of State's Office alone we can generate \$103 million that will not impact customers.

We need to use fees more effectively and more fairly.

Why are we one of only six states that use the general revenue fund to pay for the cost of hearing workers compensation cases?

By simply bringing Illinois in line with common sense approaches used by 44 other States, we can generate \$27 million.

We will do this by requiring employers who lose in Workers' Compensation cases to cover court costs currently paid for by the State.

We should also increase the state liquor license fee increasing revenues annually by \$7 million.

Right now, a liquor license here costs far less than it does in neighboring States.

That's a luxury we can no longer afford.

We should also require liquor distributors to prepay the sales tax that will be due when the product is sold at retail.

This will increase liquor tax compliance, increasing revenues this year by an additional \$32 million, without costing distributors any more than they are currently required to pay.

As part of our effort to increase honesty and transparency in the tax system, we should give tax scofflaws a chance to come clean.

Tax amnesty will allow the State to capture \$40 million in new revenue.

But don't think we're going easy on people who skirt their responsibilities as citizens.

It's not right when the State pays to collect money from people who refuse to square their debts with society.

This Budget imposes a fee of up to 25% on past due accounts to force scofflaws to pay those costs.

Going forward, if we have to send a collection agency after scofflaws, they're paying the cost not the taxpayers

The payback for righting this small injustice, \$24 million.

We should also increase the ticket price to board one of Illinois' nine river boat casinos by \$2.00 per person. This will put us on par with most other states and will generate \$38 million in new revenue.

On the subject of gaming, this Budget does not propose the expansion of gambling in Illinois.

That, however, does not mean we will not realize the revenues generated by the sale of the 10th gaming license— a license created by the legislature 13 years ago.

The 10th license has been dormant for over 5 years, its fate in the hands of debtors and creditors, lawyers and bankers.

While they argue and continue to collect their fees, the people of this state have lost hundreds of millions of dollars in revenues.

Working with The Gaming Board and working with Attorney General Lisa Madigan, the process is starting to move again.

This tenth license will generate more than \$350 million dollars

It is time the taxpayers finally benefit from that \$350 million dollars.

And in future years, this tenth license, will generate over \$100 million dollars every year -- money we can use to invest in schools, better healthcare, and public safety.

As for the nine existing casinos — up, running, and going strong ---

Last year their total revenues exceeded \$2 billion.

It's time for them to ante-up. We are going to adjust the existing rate schedules for casinos to provide \$115 million in new revenues.

And casinos making exorbitant amounts of money can help even more. Casinos with adjusted gross revenues of \$250 million or more will be required to pay a 20% windfall surcharge. This will provide an additional \$48 million to the taxpayers -- the very people who gave the casinos the privilege to operate in this State.

And there's a lot more that this Budget sets right.

Our Budget also proposes raising University out-of-state tuition to the same level of our neighboring states.

For example, University of Wisconsin students from out of state pay \$14,000 per year more than in-state students.

By contrast -- out-of-state students who attend the University of Illinois pay only \$8,604 more than in-state students.

The University of Illinois is viewed as one of the best values in the country, for the citizens of Illinois who invest in it not only with tuition dollars but also with their tax dollars, it will remain so.

But, by ending the subsidy to out-of-state students, we will generate \$20 million.

And finally, fairness means closing the corporate loopholes that allow corporations to skirt their obligations to the State while regular, hardworking people dig deep into their pockets, week in week out.

Most corporate loopholes have been on the books for decades. But what made sense in 1955 does not necessarily make sense today.

Some business incentives -- necessary then, aren't necessary now.

Even recent corporate sales tax exemptions can quickly become obsolete.

In the early 80s the Government helped the graphic arts industry get off the ground with a tax exemption on equipment.

The personal computer was just making its entrance into the business world.

Printing was still very expensive, and graphic artists weren't well paid.

Tax incentives helped jumpstart what is now a flourishing trade employing hundreds of thousands with artistic talent in high-paying jobs. This is truly an accomplishment.

But times have changed. Today the situation has reversed.

The equipment graphic artists use now is relatively inexpensive.

By eliminating this loophole—we can free up \$3.6 million per year which could be put to better use somewhere else.

Other loopholes include the rolling stock exemption, the manufacturer's purchase credit, the interim use of personal property prior to sale exemption, the coal, oil and distillation equipment exemption, and the replacement vehicles exemption.

All totaled closing these loopholes will save the state \$127 million.

In addition we are targeting other loopholes. Let me give you a list.

The research and development credit;

The training expense credit;

Life health insurance guarantee association tax offset;

The foreign insurer rate reduction;

The replacement rate reduction;

And the standard exemption.

Closing these loopholes, something that should have been done a long time ago, is worth \$65 million to the state.

We are also going to adjust the net operating loss deduction.

Currently, businesses are allowed to adjust their taxes retroactively, based on current losses --- and get back taxes they paid during the good years.

We are one of 27 states that allow this loophole.

And ours is more generous than most.

Other States limit this practice to two years. This Budget proposes that we adopt the federal standard. It will save us \$20 million and much more in the years to come.

The natural gas tax is another poorly formulated tax law. Our laws place Illinois natural gas at a competitive disadvantage with natural gas produced in other states.

We tax natural gas produced in Illinois. Natural gas purchased out of state is not.

This law encourages businesses in Illinois to buy their natural gas from out of state companies. Closing this loophole will save us \$70 million and help us put the Illinois natural gas industry on a more level playing field.

Did you know that we are the only State among our neighbors that allows people to buy and sell small private planes and not pay taxes?

Sometimes a plane is bought purely as a tax shelter.

I say, let's put a stop to these shenanigans and save the State of Illinois \$26 million.

Illinois currently has an estate tax. It applies primarily to the 158 largest estates in Illinois. That means that .0003% of Illinois families are subject to the estate tax.

This Budget does not propose increasing it.

What we do propose, however, is decoupling this state tax from the federal tax.

Doing this will generate \$35 million in fiscal year 2004.

Eleven other States have already closed this loophole.

We should also require the prepayment of cigarette taxes to improve compliance. This would save the State \$50 million dollars.

Closing these loopholes is far better than raising taxes on working men and women.

I know each one of these loopholes has its own team of Lobbyists.

They will do everything in their power to persuade you not to act. They will tell you that it will drive business away. Don't believe them.

None of these tax loopholes are what keep business in Illinois.

What keeps business in Illinois is the quality of our workforce, which this Budget invests in.

What keeps business in Illinois is our safe communities, which this Budget invests in.

What keeps business in Illinois, is our hospitals and health care facilities, which this Budget invests in.

What keeps business in Illinois is our educational system, which this Budget invests in.

And what keeps business in Illinois is our low income and sales taxes, which this Budget protects.

This Budget, does however, preserve a wide array of tax exemptions for business. Even though we are faced with the worst fiscal crisis in this State's history, we are only closing loopholes that no longer meet the needs of a 21st century economy. That's why we are preserving exemptions like the edge tax credit -- which helps attract business and jobs to Illinois.

Tax exemptions aren't granted by right. They should be granted by reason. This Budget, for the first time in decades, starts to make sense of the tax code, and makes sure the taxpayers get the most for their money.

One tax credit that does help working families is the earned income tax credit. It belongs on the books and it will stay in my Budget.

Today, I have detailed tough spending cuts, new spending priorities and closed loopholes our State can no longer afford.

But I'm not done quite yet.

More reform is needed to insure that here in Illinois we use our assets wisely.

There's been a lot of discussion about the pension fund refinancing.

The long and the short of it, is that we are refinancing some of our \$35 billion debt to take advantage of low interest rates.

The employees of the government of Illinois have five pension funds.

Previous administrations underpaid these pensions for more than two decades and used that money for other spending, choosing to pass along the burden of making up the difference.

The refinancing of our pension bonds means converting \$10 billion of an existing \$35 billion debt into bonds, which we can lock into at today's much lower interest rates.

I think some of you may have already heard about this.

I'd like to thank the legislature for passing this proposal.
As you know, you just saved the state \$1.9 billion.

But using our assets more wisely isn't easy, which is probably why previous administrations haven't bothered, even though that has collectively cost the taxpayers billions of dollars.

Unfortunately, not all of our debt is good debt. We do have a backlog of unpaid tax refunds of almost \$800 million.

Right now we owe \$79.5 million dollars in interest on unpaid tax refunds to corporations. Every week, we are accruing \$565,000 in interest .

We should reduce that rate to a more realistic level of 3%.

That means if corporations owe us money, they pay 3%. And if we owe them money, we pay 3%.

That would save the state \$11 million dollars.

We can also use our assets to generate new money through means other than reworking debt.

There's an old saying: When times are hard, you drink beer, not champagne.

The Tollway Building has been described as the taj mahal of Illinois. the taj mahal is known as one of the eight wonders of the world. The Tollway Building is a wonder of waste, excess, and arrogance.

Today I'm giving it a new label: For Sale. The sale of The Tollway Building will generate \$30 million.

And that is not the only property we will sell. Also on the auction block as of today is property at the Elgin Mental Health Campus that we anticipate will go for \$3 million.

Recognizing the challenging Budget picture, we can also take better advantage of our assets through the sale and leaseback of some state facilities, like The Thompson Center.

This would generate an additional \$200 million.

By the way, we don't need prime real estate in downtown Chicago. If anyone wants to purchase the building outright, we'd be more than happy to move somewhere else.

I've spent more than an hour telling you what we are going to do.
Now let me spend a few minutes telling you what we are not going to do:

We are not raising the income tax.

We are not raising the sales tax.

We are not raising consumer fees.

We are not cutting education, health care or public safety.

We are not going to continue the rampant, unexamined over-spending that has marked the last decade.

In fact, we are investing to make our schools better, our communities healthier, and our streets safer.

We could have used this crisis as an excuse to take the easy way out, and resort to the tired old approaches of raising taxes and slashing spending.

We did not do that.

We protected average people. We learned how to do more with less.

This Budget requires a great deal of sacrifice. But the cuts we propose and the revenue we can generate are reasonable, wise and prudent.

There is something in this Budget each of you probably won't like.

That's what happens when you face a \$5 billion deficit.

But keep in mind, the constitution requires us to Balance the Budget. So when you say "don't cut this" or "spend more on that," don't forget that every dollar you take away is a dollar we have to take from somewhere else.

In other words, we're all going to have to accept some cuts and some changes we don't really like.

Now, I know this has been a long address.

Mark Twain once said, "If I had more time, I would have written a shorter story." The same holds true with speeches. Well, I'm no Mark Twain.

And even with the extra time you granted us to prepare this Budget, solving the worst fiscal crisis in our history takes some time to achieve, and some time to explain.

I also felt it was important to spell out how -- by working together -- and by putting partisanship aside -- we can solve this fiscal crisis.

And how we can make Illinois a better place to live.

Our State faces the largest deficit in our history. This Budget blueprint eliminates it.

Our State is weighed down by government waste. This Budget blueprint eliminates that too.

Our State has been plagued by poor accounting and weak financial management. This Budget blueprint requires agencies, from the very first day of the year, to establish a 2% reserve to prepare for the uncertainties of revenue and of the real world.

The remaining 98% will go through a quarterly allotment system, so we don't just manage annually, but

day in, and day out.

In other words, for the first time in a long time, someone is going to be minding the store.

I'm even renaming The Bureau of the Budget -- The Governor's Office of Management and Budget -- so we can prepare our Budgets with an eye towards better management, long-term planning, and doing more with less. Spending money wisely requires discipline. We're going to provide that discipline.

This Budget protects our investments in education, in health care, and in public safety.

It balances the Budget without raising the income tax, the sales tax, or consumer fees.

It leaves money for our rainy day fund. Despite facing a \$5 billion Budget deficit, we were able to balance this Budget and set aside \$50 million dollars and place it in a rainy day fund. And that's just a down payment on a long-term investment in the future of this state.

This Budget is an opportunity. If we seize the opportunity, if we put aside partisan differences, if we work not for the few, but for the common good, we can overcome this fiscal crisis and start moving our state forward.

Perhaps even more importantly, by working together to balance this Budget in a fair, honest way, we can give the people the kind of Government they can start believing in again.

This is a unique time.

A time of war. A time of recession. A time of fiscal crisis. A time when we are still reeling from years of a culture that embraced cynicism and abandoned idealism. Yet it is also a time of great opportunity.

We are Democrats. We are Republicans. We are fathers and mothers, sons and daughters. We bring different experiences to the job of legislating and governing. But as different as we are, we share a common mission. We are here to pursue the public good.

At this time in our history, this pursuit requires the courage to change.

It is easy to criticize. It is harder to lead.

It is easy to question. It is harder to find answers.

It is easy to tear down. It is harder to build.

The people of this great state ask us to work as hard at our jobs as they do at theirs. It is time to lead.

The Budget I have detailed for you today is made of numbers, facts and figures. But let us never forget, it is all at the service of people.

Every decision we make on this Budget affects their wallets, their health, their safety, and their children's futures.

It is our job to protect them. It is our job to pass a Budget that doesn't just keep them in mind, but helps them get ahead.

Because when the good of the people and nothing else, drives our decisions and dictates our actions, the only thing we can achieve is a better Illinois.

At this time, at this place and at this hour, let us embrace change. From every corner of Illinois, we come to this Great Chamber. Let us now work together to build an Illinois as good and as honest as the people

who live in it.

Thank You. God Bless You.

At the hour of 1:46 o'clock p.m., President Jones moved that the Joint Assembly do now arise.
The motion prevailed.

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

At the hour of 4:45 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until
Thursday, April 10, 2003, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.
The motion prevailed.
And the House stood adjourned.

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P Brauer	P Hamos	P Miller	P Sommer
P Brosnahan	P Hannig	P Millner	P Soto
P Burke	P Hartke	P Mitchell, Bill	P Stephens
P Capparelli	P Hassert	P Mitchell, Jerry	P Sullivan
P Chapa LaVia	P Hoffman	P Moffitt	P Tenhouse
P Churchill	P Holbrook	P Molaro	P Turner
P Collins	P Howard	P Morrow	P Verschoore
P Colvin	P Hultgren	P Mulligan	P Wait
P Coulson	P Jakobsson	P Munson	P Washington
P Cross	P Jefferson	P Myers	P Watson
P Cultra	P Jones	P Nekritz	P Winters
P Currie	P Joyce	P Novak	P Wirsing
P Daniels	P Kelly	P O'Brien	P Yarbrough
P Davis, Monique	P Kosel	P Osmond	P Younge
P Davis, Steve	P Krause	P Osterman	P Mr. Speaker
P Davis, Will	P Kurtz	P Pankau	
P Delgado	P Lang	P Parke	

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