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The House of Representatives met in Perfunctory Session pursuant to notice from the Speaker.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

November 21, 2006

Mark Mahoney
Chief Clerk of the House
402 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mahoney:

Pursuant to House Rule 9(a), by this letter I am establishing that the House of Representatives will have Perfunctory time on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,
s/MICHAEL J. MADIGAN
Speaker of the House

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on November 16, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: SENATE BILL 895.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measure is as follows:

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

Y Currie, Barbara(D), Chairperson
Y Hannig, Gary(D)
Y Turner, Arthur(D)

A Black, William(R), Republican Spokesperson
A Hassert, Brent(R)

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 148

Offered by Representative Colvin:

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is the primary governmental entity responsible for the public safety and welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. prompted the nation to take additional actions to protect our key public facilities, infrastructure, and private assets; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress created the Homeland Security Department in order to better coordinate the nation's response to terrorism and natural disasters, and this federal department allocates funds annually under the United States Homeland Security Act of 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Illinois has allocated in fiscal year 2006 funds for various transit agencies and local governments to enhance homeland security; and

WHEREAS, Terrorists around the globe have targeted major urban public transit systems as strategic targets for their attacks; and

WHEREAS, The CTA operates the nation's second largest public transportation system, serving the city of Chicago and 40 surrounding suburbs, with nearly 1.5 million rides taken by the public on the CTA on an average weekday; and

WHEREAS, The CTA has approximately 2,000 buses that operate over 153 routes and 2,273 route miles, providing about 1 million passenger trips a day and serving more than 12,000 posted bus stops; while CTA's 1,190 rapid transit cars operate over eight routes and 222 miles of track, providing approximately 500,000 customer trips each day at 144 stations; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is one of the few cities in the world that provide rapid transit service to two major airports; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois, the County of Cook, and the City of Chicago recognize the CTA as one of the city's and the region's major public assets and a high priority for enhanced protection as part of the city's homeland security, disaster, and terrorist response planning; and

WHEREAS, Two recent derailments of CTA rapid transit trains, along with the 2006 Metra Electric derailment, underscored the potential vulnerability of transit riders and our public transportation system to disasters; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support the call for disaster relief and the restoration of conductors along key portions of the CTA's Rapid Transit Systems for the purpose of securing public transportation as a vital public asset; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor, the President of the Cook County Board, and the Mayor of Chicago.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

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

HOUSE BILL 5863. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 5864. Introduced by Representative Flider, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 5865. Introduced by Representatives Brauer - Poe, AN ACT concerning appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 5866. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning regulation.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

Having been reproduced, the following bills were taken up, read by title a first time and placed in the Committee on Rules: SENATE BILLS 947 (Bradley,R), 948 (Molaro) and 1269 (Beiser).

At the hour of 2:35 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 28, 2006, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.