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

**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

November 18, 2008

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

Dear Clerk Mahoney:

Pursuant to House Rules 9(a), by this letter I am establishing that the House of Representatives will be in **Perfunctory Session** on Tuesday, **November 18, 2008**.

If you have questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Tim Mapes, at 782-6360.

With kindest personal regards, I remain.

Sincerely yours,  
s/Michael J. Madigan  
Speaker of the House

**TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT**

Representative Meyer replaced Representative Hassert in the Committee on Rules on November 18, 2008.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on November 18, 2008, 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 Third Reading-- Short Debate: SENATE BILL 101.

That the Floor Amendments be reported “recommends be adopted”:

Amendment No. 8 to HOUSE BILL 1831.  
Amendments Numbered 2 and 3 to HOUSE BILL 2746.  
Amendment No. 2 to HOUSE BILL 3889.  
Amendment No. 5 to SENATE BILL 620.  
Amendment No. 5 to SENATE BILL 2348.  
Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL 2858.

That the Motion be reported “recommends be adopted” and placed on the House Calendar: Motion to Accept Amendatory Veto of SENATE BILL 2718.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:**

Agriculture & Conservation: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 3 to SENATE BILL 2562.

Elementary & Secondary Education: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to SENATE BILL 266.

Executive: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 2 to SENATE BILL 826, HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 3 to SENATE BILL 1511, HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 3 to SENATE BILL 1529, HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to SENATE BILL 2322, HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to SENATE BILL 2824 and HOUSE RESOLUTION 1597.

Health Care Availability and Access: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 2 to SENATE BILL 934.

Higher Education: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 3 to SENATE BILL 2603.

Judiciary II - Criminal Law: HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to SENATE BILL 2452.

State Government Administration: HOUSE RESOLUTION 1588 and SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 78.

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

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

Y Currie(D), Chairperson

Y Hannig(D)

Y Turner(D)

Y Black(R), Republican Spokesperson

Y Meyer(R) (replacing Hassert)

### **MOTION SUBMITTED**

Representative Ryg submitted the following written motion, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

#### **MOTION**

I move to concur with Senate Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 427.

### **CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIPS**

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Turner was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Berrios became the new principal sponsor of SENATE BILL 2322.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Lyons was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Ryg became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 427.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Madigan was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Hannig became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 3889.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Flider was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Acevedo became the new principal sponsor of SENATE BILL 1248.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Ford was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Burke became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 4613.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Brosnahan was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Burke became the new principal sponsor of SENATE BILL 826.

### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILL**

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

HOUSE BILL 6727. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning civil law.

**HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1588**

Offered by Representative May:

WHEREAS, The Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation was established in memory of Daniel Lee Katz, a 25-year old resident of Highland Park, who died of a prescription drug overdose on June 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation has partnered with the DEA Educational Foundation in Washington, D.C. to bring the message of awareness to parents and children all across America through the Rx Factor Traveling Exhibit; and

WHEREAS, The objective of the Rx Factor Traveling Exhibit is to promote the creation of drug-free communities through drug prevention efforts, education, parental involvement, and community-wide support; and

WHEREAS, Prescription drug abuse is one of the major challenges that the nation faces in securing a safe and healthy future for families in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Prescription drug abuse contributes to domestic violence and sexual assault and places the lives of children at risk; and

WHEREAS, Although public awareness of prescription drug abuse is increasing, prescription medications are among the most abused drugs by young people in the United States, and the growing epidemic demands attention; and

WHEREAS, Between 1996 and 2006, the percentages of admissions to substance abuse treatment programs as a result of the abuse of methamphetamines, prescription medications, and marijuana each rose significantly; and

WHEREAS, A dramatic increase in illegal Internet pharmacies selling controlled drugs without the need of a prescription is causing a rise in the abuse of prescription drugs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Drug dealers specifically target children by marketing illicit drugs that mimic the appearance and names of well known brand-name candies and foods; and

WHEREAS, Parents, youth, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, religious institutions, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and individuals throughout the United States will experience the Rx Factor Traveling Exhibit in venues all over the State of Illinois and the United States and see for themselves how this epidemic of prescription drug abuse is killing children; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the goals and ideas of the DEA Educational Foundation and the Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation's Rx Factor Traveling Exhibit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage children and teens to live drug-free lives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage the people of the United States to promote the creation of drug-free communities and to participate in drug prevention activities to show support for healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation as a symbol of our respect.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1597**

Offered by Representative Moffitt:

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is the oldest partner with Amtrak in state-sponsored intercity passenger rail service in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois passenger rail program is the second largest state-sponsored Amtrak program in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois invests more than \$28.7 million each year in payments to Amtrak to

provide citizens with state-sponsored service; and

WHEREAS, For decades Amtrak had a crew base in Galesburg, Illinois that employed 35 citizens of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Rail workers in Galesburg are recognized as some of the finest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak closed the Galesburg crew base in 2000 and transferred a majority of the assignments out of state, with some transferring to Chicago; and

WHEREAS, This cost the State of Illinois more than 20 good paying jobs and negatively affected the livelihood of its rail workers; and

WHEREAS, This loss of 35 good paying jobs also harmed the local economy of Galesburg, Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that Amtrak perform a cost and operational analysis to determine the benefits of reopening the Galesburg crew base; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Amtrak share this analysis with IDOT and, if appropriate, take the steps necessary to reopen the Galesburg crew base and return these jobs from out of state; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this Resolution be provided to the President of Amtrak and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

At the hour of 5:16 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned until Wednesday, November 19, 2008.