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

RESIGNATION

December 30, 2008

Illinois House of Representatives
Office of the Clerk
Mr. Mark Mahoney
402 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Resignation
Aaron Schock
State Representative 92nd District

Dear Mr. Clerk:

This document shall serve as my letter of resignation as an Illinois State Representative.

This action is being taken to be in compliance with my swearing-in as a member of the 111th United States Congress at noon on January 6, 2009.

I, Aaron Schock, do hereby resign the office of Illinois State Representative, 92nd District, effective Monday, January 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,
s/Aaron Schock
92nd District

LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL

January 5, 2009

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 Representative will be in **Perfunctory Session** on Monday, **January 5, 2009**.

If you have queastions, 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

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January 5, 2009

To: All House Members
From: Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the House
Re: House Session-January 2009-**REVISED**

The House Session is cancelled for Wednesday, January 7, but will convene on **Thursday, January 8 at 11 a.m.** The House Schedule has been adjusted to reflect the U.S. Federal Court hearing today in Chicago and the additional status hearing scheduled for Thursday, January 8 at 1 p.m.

The House Special Investigative Committee is cancelled for Tuesday, January 6, but will convene on Wednesday, January 7 at 3 p.m., Room 114 State Capitol Building.

Members should plan that the House may be in Session on the following dates:

Thursday, January 8	11 a.m. Session
Friday, January 9	Session
Saturday, January 10	Session tentative
Sunday, January 11	Session tentative
Monday, January 12	previously scheduled
Tuesday, January 13	previously scheduled

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Mapes, my Chief of Staff, at (217)782-6360.

To: All House Members
From: Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the House
Re: House Session Update-January 2009

Please be advised you should plan to return to Springfield on Wednesday, January 7.

On Monday, January 5, lawyers for both caucuses will be in U.S. Federal Court regarding a motion by the U.S. Attorney's Office to release certain tape recordings to the Illinois House Special Investigating Committee. The House may be called to vote on a House Special Investigating Committee report recommendation this week. The Committee is scheduled to reconvene on Tuesday, January 6 at 1 p.m., Room 114 State Capitol Building.

Members should plan on being in Springfield on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 7	4 p.m. Session
Thursday, January 8	
Friday, January 9	
Saturday, January 10	
Sunday, January 11	
Monday, January 12	previously scheduled
Tuesday, January 13	previously scheduled

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Mapes, my Chief of Staff, at (217)782-6360.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE****JESSE WHITE – Secretary of State**

January 5, 2009

To the Honorable Speaker of the House:

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed House Bill from the 95th General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor together with his objections.

House Bill

5730

Respectfully,
s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
GOVERNOR**

December 15, 2008

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
95th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 5730, entitled "AN ACT concerning local government." I appreciate the hard work of the sponsors and share their support for local economic development. However, resourced from tax increment finance districts are not intended to be inexhaustible.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 5730.

Sincerely,
s/Rod Blagojavich
Governor

**TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
FOR COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING**

Representative John Bradley replaced Representative Franks in the Committee on Special Investigative on December 22, 2008.

Representative Mendoza replaced Representative Hamos in the Committee on Special Investigative on December 22, 2008.

Representative Gordon replaced Representative Fritchey in the Committee on Special Investigative on December 29, 2008.

Representative Jakobsson replaced Representative Franks in the Committee on Special Investigative on December 29, 2008.

Representative Brady replaced Representative Black in the Committee on Special Investigative on December 29, 2008.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1652

Offered by Representative Ford:

WHEREAS, The current recession is heavily impacting the small businesses in our nation because of several trends, including decreased sales and difficulties in obtaining small business financing; and

WHEREAS, The National Bureau of Economic Research determined that the current recession began in December 2007; this means that, as of December 2008, this is the longest downturn in a quarter century; and

WHEREAS, The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) has collected small business economic trends data with surveys since 1973; in November 2008, the NFIB reported that its Index of Small Business Optimism fell to its third-lowest reading in the 35 year history of the survey; and

WHEREAS, The NFIB November 2008 survey further revealed record or near-record low ratings in the small business sector's expectations concerning the creation of new jobs, improved business conditions, and increased sales; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress authorized the Department of the Treasury to provide varied financial assistance programs to the banking, insurance, and housing sectors of the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses are in dire need of financial assistance from the federal government to avoid a further deterioration of this important segment of the U.S. economy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we strongly urge the United States Congress to establish a small business rescue task force to prepare appropriate federal assistance programs to rescue and assist struggling small businesses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

At the hour of 10:46 o'clock a.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.