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The House met pursuant to adjournment.
 Speaker of the House Madigan in the chair.
 Prayer by Pastor Jerry Shirley of the Grace Baptist Church in Decatur, IL.
 Representative Harris 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:
 108 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Durkin, Mathias and Sacia were excused from attendance.

REQUEST TO BE SHOWN ON QUORUM

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Berrios, should be recorded as present at the hour of 2:29 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Arroyo, should be recorded as present at the hour of 2:29 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Osterman, should be recorded as present at the hour of 2:32 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Acevedo, should be recorded as present at the hour of 3:00 o'clock p.m.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

February 9, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Attached, please find the Republican committee appointments for the 96th General Assembly. The appointments are effective immediately.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Scott Reimers at 782-9602.

Sincerely,
 s/Tom Cross
 State Representative

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

ACCESS TO FEDERAL FUNDING (4) - Mulligan, Spokesperson; Brauer, Cultra and Moffitt.

AGING (8) – Pihos, Spokesperson; Biggins, Cavaletto, Coladipietro, Hatcher, Bill Mitchell, Savaino and Tracy.

AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION (6) – Sacia, Spokesperson; Cavaletto, Cultra, Moffitt, Myers and Reis.

APPROPRIATIONS – ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION (8) – Bassi, Spokesperson; Cole, Coulson, Eddy, Jerry Mitchell, Mulligan, Pihos and Pritchard.

APPROPRIATIONS – GENERAL SERVICES (4) – Biggins, Spokesperson; Brauer, Mathias and Ramey.

APPROPRIATIONS – HIGHER EDUCATION (10) – Myers, Spokesperson; Black, Bost, Brady, Brauer, Cavaletto, Poe, Pritchard, Rose and Tracy.

APPROPRIATIONS – HUMAN SERVICES (8) – Mulligan, Spokesperson; Bellock, Coulson, Leitch, Saviano, Schmitz, Senger and Stephens.

APPROPRIATIONS – PUBLIC SAFETY (7) – Reis, Spokesperson; Connelly, Hatcher, McAuliffe, Osmond, Saviano and Wait.

BIO-TECHNOLOGY (2) – Fortner, Spokesperson; Tryon.

BUSINESS & OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES (7) – Coulson, Spokesperson; Coladipietro, Connelly, McAuliffe, Bill Mitchell, Mulligan and Saviano.

CITIES & VILLAGES (4) – Mathias, Spokesperson; Fortner, Stephens and Wait.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (4) – Eddy, Spokesperson; Brady, Cole and Durkin.

CONSUMER PROTECTION (6) – Sullivan, Spokesperson; Beaubien, Bost, Pihos, Ramey and Tracy.

COUNTIES & TOWNSHIPS (4) – Ramey, Spokesperson; Hatcher, Bill Mitchell and Moffitt.

DISABILITY SERVICES (3) – Leitch, Spokesperson; Coulson and Pihos.

ELECTIONS & CAMPAIGN REFORM (4) – Brady, Spokesperson; Durkin, Myers and Reis.

ELECTRIC GENERATION & COMMERCE (5) – Winters, Spokesperson; Cultra, Durkin, Fortner and Osmond.

ELECTRIC UTILITY OVERSIGHT (3) – Winters, Spokesperson; Bost and Sullivan.

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION (9) – Jerry Mitchell, Spokesperson; Bassi, Cavaletto, Eddy, Pihos, Pritchard, Reis, Senger and Watson.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY (9) – Tryon, Spokesperson; Cole, Durkin, Fortner, Poe, Reboletti, Rose, Watson and Winters.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (6) – Tracy, Spokesperson; Rose, Schmitz, Stephens, Tryon and Winters.

EXECUTIVE (4) – Brady, Spokesperson; Biggins, Sullivan and Tryon.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (11) – Bill Mitchell, Spokesperson; Bellock, Black, Coladipietro, Coulson, Durkin, Leitch, Pritchard, Rose, Senger and Watson.

HEALTH CARE AVAILABILITY & ACCESSIBILITY (4) – Osmond, Spokesperson; Connelly, Mulligan and Sommer.

HEALTH CARE LICENSES (5) – Saviano, Spokesperson; Coulson, Kosel, McAuliffe and Mulligan.

HEALTH & HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES (5) – Coulson, Spokesperson; Leitch, Ramey, Saviano and

Stephens.

HIGHER EDUCATION (3) – Pritchard, Spokesperson; Bost and Myers.

HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (3) – Pihos, Spokesperson; Coladipietro and Senger.

HUMAN SERVICES (3) – Bellock, Spokesperson; Cole and Schmitz.

INFRASTRUCTURE (5) – Bassi, Spokesperson; Eddy, Kosel, Ramey and Reis.

INSURANCE (10) – Watson, Spokesperson; Beaubien, Brady, Leitch, Bill Mitchell, Osmond, Pritchard, Rose, Senger and Stephens.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE & COMMERCE (5) – Sommer, Spokesperson; Beaubien, Coladipietro, Sacia and Senger.

JUDICIARY I (7) – Rose, Spokesperson; Coladipietro, Connelly, Mathias, Osmond, Tracy and Wait.

JUDICIARY II (3) – Reboletti, Spokesperson; Sacia and Wait.

LABOR (10) – Schmitz, Spokesperson; Beaubien, Bellock, Cultra, Durkin, Leitch, Osmond, Stephens, Sullivan and Tryon.

MASS TRANSIT (10) – Mathias, Spokesperson; Bassi, Beaubien, Bellock, Biggins, Fortner, Kosel, Senger, Sullivan and Tryon.

MEDICAID REFORM, FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES (4) – Mulligan, Spokesperson; Beaubien, Kosel and Watson.

PERSONNEL & PENSIONS (4) – Poe, Spokesperson; Brady, Brauer and McAuliffe.

PUBLIC POLICY & ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EDUCATION (4) – Eddy, Spokesperson; Kosel, Jerry Mitchell and Pihos.

PUBLIC UTILITIES (6) – Bost, Spokesperson; Coladipietro, Connelly, Durkin, Saviano and Sullivan.

RENEWABLE ENERGY (3) – Cultra, Spokesperson; Cole and Reis.

REVENUE & FINANCE (5) – Biggins, Spokesperson; Bassi, Beaubien, Eddy and Sullivan.

STATE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION (7) – Wait, Spokesperson; Bassi, Bost, Moffitt, Myers, Poe and Ramey.

TRANSPORTATION, REGULATION, ROADS & BRIDGES (9) – Brauer, Spokesperson; Black, Hatcher, McAuliffe, Poe, Reboletti, Sommer, Tracy and Wait.

VEHICLE & SAFETY (3) – Tracy, Spokesperson; Hatcher and Reboletti.

VETERANS AFFAIRS (10) – Bost, Spokesperson; Connelly, Jerry Mitchell, Moffitt, Osmond, Pritchard, Reboletti, Sacia, Wait and Watson.

YOUTH & FAMILY (3) – Fortner, Spokesperson; McAuliffe and Winters.

RULES (2) – Black, Spokesperson; Schmitz.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

ADOPTION REFORM (2) – Sommer, Spokesperson; Cole.

FIRE PROTECTION (3) – Bill Mitchell, Spokesperson; Cavaletto and Rose.

JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM (4) – Reboletti, Spokesperson; Reis, Sacia and Tracy.

PRISON REFORM (3) – Sacia, Spokesperson; Poe and Reboletti.

RAILROAD INDUSTRY (9) – Moffitt, Spokesperson; Black, Brady, Cavaletto, Cultra, Mathias, Jerry Mitchell, Tryon and Winters.

TOLLWAY OVERSIGHT (4) – Mathias, Spokesperson; Biggins, Cole and Senger.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Schmitz replaced Representative Cross in the Committee on Rules on February 9, 2009.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

Representative Ford replaced Representative Burke in the Committee on Financial Institutions on February 9, 2009.

Representative Schmitz replaced Representative Sacia in the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation on February 9, 2009.

Representative Schmitz replaced Representative Sacia in the Committee on Prison Reform on February 9, 2009.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on February 9, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

Agriculture & Conservation: HOUSE BILL 467.
Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education: HOUSE BILL 391.
Appropriations-Human Services: HOUSE BILLS 384, 385 and 403.
Business & Occupational Licenses: HOUSE BILL 486.
Cities & Villages: HOUSE BILLS 441 and 466.
Computer Technology: HOUSE BILLS 463, 490, 547 and 550.
Consumer Protection: HOUSE BILLS 413, 521 and 537.
Counties & Townships: HOUSE BILLS 442 and 477.
Elections & Campaign Reform: HOUSE BILLS 368, 395, 499 and 502.
Elementary & Secondary Education: HOUSE BILLS 363, 392, 401, 421, 449, 473, 475, 495, 538, 548 and 557.
Environment & Energy: HOUSE BILLS 402 and 460.
Environmental Health: HOUSE BILLS 373 and 422.
Executive: HOUSE BILLS 206, 290, 360, 365, 381, 386, 387, 400, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 418, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 443, 444, 455, 456, 465, 470, 474, 478, 479, 483, 487,

491, 498, 500, 501, 503, 504, 505, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 513, 514, 515, 522, 523, 526, 532, 540, 541, 542, 543, 551, 559, 560 and 561.

Financial Institutions: HOUSE BILL 533.

Health Care Availability and Accessibility: HOUSE BILL 485.

Health Care Licenses: HOUSE BILLS 382, 393, 527, 535 and 546.

Health & Healthcare Disparities: HOUSE BILL 528.

Higher Education: HOUSE BILLS 364, 417, 437, 461 and 556.

Human Services: HOUSE BILLS 362, 388, 389, 399, 404, 415, 416, 419, 488 and 544.

Insurance: HOUSE BILLS 378, 394, 420, 439, 468 and 536.

International Trade & Commerce: HOUSE BILL 436.

Judiciary I - Civil Law: HOUSE BILLS 183, 265, 434, 494, 497, 530 and 545.

Judiciary II - Criminal Law: HOUSE BILLS 369, 396, 397, 433, 435, 445, 517, 524, 534, 539, 555 and 558.

Joint Committee on Government Reform: HOUSE BILLS 260, 371 and 553.

Labor: HOUSE BILLS 374 and 549.

Personnel and Pensions: HOUSE BILLS 306, 377, 380, 482 and 519.

Revenue & Finance: HOUSE BILLS 81, 307, 366, 383, 390, 411, 414, 451, 452, 454, 458, 459, 469, 471, 472, 493, 506, 518, 525, 531 and 552.

State Government Administration: HOUSE BILLS 289, 372, 379, 440, 446, 447, 453, 464, 480, 489 and 492.

Transportation, Regulation, Roads & Bridges: HOUSE BILLS 448, 457 and 476.

Vehicles & Safety: HOUSE BILLS 253, 370 and 450.

Veterans' Affairs: HOUSE BILLS 361, 412 and 516.

Youth and Family: HOUSE BILLS 520 and 529.

Juvenile Justice Reform: HOUSE BILLS 438 and 554.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES REASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

HOUSE BILL 145 was recalled from the Committee on Executive and reassigned to the Committee on Revenue & Finance.

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 Black(R), Republican Spokesperson

Y Schmitz(R) (replacing Cross)

Y Hannig(D)

Y Turner(D)

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 55

Offered by Representative Turner:

WHEREAS, United States trade policies have, in some instances, handicapped some Illinois-based manufacturers and have led to massive trade deficits, stagnant worker wages, and a loss of good-paying manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, The current trade deficit is undermining family-sustaining jobs and investment in assets, helping to foster a debt-driven economy that is dangerously dependent on foreign borrowing; and

WHEREAS, Fixing America's international economic policy must be a top priority for the President of the United States and the United States Congress; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we call upon our federal policy makers to support

policies that promote American interest by requiring full reciprocity, fairness, and transparency in all U.S. trade agreements, including such areas as labor and environmental standards, and to support actions to combat the illegal and mercantilist practice of prolonged currency misalignment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we also call upon our federal policy makers to support the elimination of tax disadvantages which undermine the competitiveness of U.S. producers both at home and abroad or which discourage investment in America, support the aggressive enforcement of U.S. laws to halt foreign illegal trade activities such as dumping, subsidies, and intellectual property theft; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon our federal policy makers to ensure that goods sold domestically meet U.S. food and product safety standards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 56

Offered by Representative Ford:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the State Board of Education to establish a comprehensive plan to close the student achievement gap by the 2010-2011 school year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution by delivered to the State Board of Education.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 57

Offered by Representative Joyce:

WHEREAS, It is critically important for job-creation and job-retention that the Illinois Domestic Products Act be observed in the use of public funds for investment in our nation's aging infrastructure, especially in Illinois where manufacturing is essential to the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, All State agencies are urged to discourage the outsourcing of manufacturing and the purchasing of products to the detriment of U.S. suppliers, including suppliers located in Illinois servicing those industries and businesses that receive public sector financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, Leaders of the National Governors Association (NGA) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCLS) have called on the new administration and Congress to take early action on the severely weakened economy, mired in what is estimated to be the most serious economic downturn in 30 years; the economic downturn is causing high unemployment and accompanying hardships for American workers and their families, including families in Illinois where the unemployment rate is escalating; and

WHEREAS, Congress is drafting economic recovery legislation for the President to sign as soon as possible; this "economic stimulus" legislation is expected to channel billions of dollars in state block grants to help economically stressed states take immediate action to initiate significant job creation through massive public works investments to rebuild our nation's aging infrastructure including: roads and accompanying guardrails, utility poles, rest areas, maintenance buildings, highway bridges, energy pipelines, rail and air transportation networks, electrical grid expansion, water and sewerage improvements, environmentally friendly nonresidential renovation, new construction of state-of-the-art schools and hospitals, and other vital infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, Modernizing and upgrading Illinois' statewide infrastructure system will improve the overall quality of life for all Illinois families, create significant new job opportunities and economic growth, and help revitalize and advance Illinois' manufacturing sector; in Illinois, the manufacturing industries are huge purchasers of State goods and services including the following goods and services: health care, education and training, utility generated electricity, natural gas and alternative fuels, and advanced technology to enhance competitiveness and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has taken previous efforts through the Procurement of Domestic Products Act to encourage the use of domestically manufactured products in public works, and it is now critically important that all State agencies do everything possible to enforce these provisions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that all State agencies are encouraged, whenever possible, to purchase domestically made products for any construction project or other procurement funded by the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Procurement Policy Board work with all chief procurement officers to advance the purchase of domestic products, including those made in Illinois, through all necessary means, including collaboration between agencies, the proposal of rules, and the creation of a list of domestically made products commonly procured using State funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Illinois Procurement Policy Board, the President of the United States, and all members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 59

Offered by Representative Moffitt:

WHEREAS, The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act enacted by Public Act 81-1518, passed December 15, 1980 and Amendment 88-1 mandates the establishment within the Department of Public Health a central authority responsible for the coordination and integration of all activities within the State concerning pre-hospital and inter-hospital emergency medical services, as well as non-emergency medical transports and the overall planning, evaluation, and regulation of pre-hospital emergency medical services systems; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Emergency Medical Services Director position has been vacant for over 3 years, leaving all Illinoisans at risk; and

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need for the leadership of an Emergency Medical Services Director within each of the 11 EMS Regions immediately; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that pursuant to Public Act 81-1518, it is mandated that the State must appoint an Emergency Medical Services Director immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, That he or she must, at a minimum, have current credentials as an Emergency Medical Services provider and have extensive and current knowledge of all aspects of the EMS system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Emergency Medical Services Director must encompass all aspects related to the quality and availability of medical care within the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Emergency Medical Services Director must serve as an advocate for efficient and effective emergency medical services throughout the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Emergency Medical Services Director must ensure that the delivery of emergency medical care is consistent with prevailing standards and that quality of care management is maintained in a manner that ensures professional and public accountability for emergency medical care provided in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Emergency Medical Services Director must appoint and oversee each of the State's EMS Regional Directors and their committee members and ensure all prevailing statutes are complied with according to federal and State laws, establish an office of Pre-EMS to address bystander care intervention, and appoint its officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the newly appointed Emergency Medical Services Director must report directly to the Director of Public Health and secure a statewide Emergency Medical Services budget, through the Illinois Department of Public Health to accommodate the growing needs of EMS throughout this State.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 63

Offered by Representative Jakobsson:

WHEREAS, Illinois Treasurer, Alexi Giannoulias, has proposed consolidating the investment authority of all Illinois pension systems under the newly created Illinois Public Employee Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, The economic impact of the consolidation of investment authority for Illinois pension systems would have a negative impact on the economy in central Illinois during these difficult economic

times; and

WHEREAS, The potential cost savings and increased investment return are not guaranteed; and

WHEREAS, Illinois pension systems have consistently performed above their peer systems in other states; and

WHEREAS, Having 3 investment pools for the payment of pension benefits provides for the diversification of portfolios; and

WHEREAS, The loss of well-paying jobs in central Illinois would only further depress the job market in the area; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we instruct the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability to study the economic impact on central Illinois of the number of jobs that would be eliminated due to the consolidation of investment authority in the State Universities Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and each statewide elected official on or before October 1, 2009.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

Offered by Representative Monique Davis:

WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the Illinois General Assembly are aware that scientific research shows that children are increasingly distanced from nature, even while an increasing number of researchers and scientists have determined the benefits of outdoor play for children and that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy childhood physical, emotional, and spiritual development; and

WHEREAS, Children's understanding of nature is eclipsed by their knowledge of television characters; the average eight year old is better able to identify cartoon characters than even common plants and animals; and

WHEREAS, Addressing the imminent and threatening environmental issues of our time requires an active citizenry; providing children with outdoor nature experiences increases involvement in stewardship of our environment; and

WHEREAS, Time spent in nature by children promotes curiosity, improves the learning of science, and provides joy and a sense of well-being; and

WHEREAS, Actively engaging adults, mentors, and youth leaders and building their capacity to facilitate opportunities for children to engage in nature discovery and learning in safe places, with a special emphasis on engaging underserved and ethnically diverse audiences, as well as non-traditional partners, is a vital step in this process; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a longstanding commitment to its natural heritage, connecting its people to the land and passing traditions on to future generations through outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, bird watching, cross country skiing, and nature walks; and

WHEREAS, Bringing nature to children and creating safe places and programs that provide increased and improved outdoor nature exploration opportunities for children to promote discovery and creative play is of utmost importance to our society; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is endowed with a gloriously diverse landscape, ranging from prairies and woodlands to the cypress swamps of southern Illinois to the bluffs of the Illinois valley and spreading across the farmlands of our rural communities to the backyard bungalows, play lots, and parks of our cities, all of which must be shared with the children and families of this State; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is rich in educational initiatives, conservation organizations, park districts, recreation agencies, schools, and civic organizations that are all actively engaged in promoting environmental education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we show our support for the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, which states that every child should have the opportunity to discover the wilderness, which includes the State's prairies, dunes, forests, savannas, and wetlands; camp under the stars; follow a trail; catch and release fish, frogs, and insects; climb a tree; explore nature in

neighborhoods and cities; celebrate their heritage; plant a flower; play in the mud or a stream; and learn to swim; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we hereby designate the month of June as "Leave No Child Inside Month" in the State of Illinois in furtherance of our support of this important initiative.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

Offered by Representative Stephens:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish to honor those who have served our country with distinction and valor in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and the State of Missouri have made plans to construct an additional bridge at a date yet to be determined on I-70 crossing the Mississippi River; this bridge will relieve traffic congestion between the State of Illinois and the State of Missouri; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the I-70 Mississippi River Bridge connecting Illinois to Missouri to be constructed at a later date be designated, upon approval of the Illinois and Missouri State legislatures, the Veterans Bridge; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation; and the Secretary of the Missouri Department of Transportation.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 58

Offered by Representative McGuire:

Congratulates Rev. Isaac Singleton on the occasion of his retirement as pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Joliet.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 60

Offered by Representative Crespo:

Congratulates eleven teachers in Palatine-Schaumburg High School District 211 who earned national certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 61

Offered by Representative Madigan:

Congratulates Steven Powell on his election to serve the UFCW International Union and its Executive Board as an International Vice President.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 62

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

Congratulates Thomas T.S. Cheng, director general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, on being named to the new post as the Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Helsinki, Finland.

ACTION ON MOTIONS

Pursuant to the motion submitted previously, Representative Tracy moved to table HOUSE BILL 239.
The motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the motion submitted previously, Representative Burke moved to table HOUSE BILL 484.
The motion prevailed.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 58, 60, 61 and 62 were taken up for consideration.
Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

At the hour of 2:36 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 12:00 o'clock noon.
The motion prevailed.
And the House stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-SIXTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

February 09, 2009

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| P Acevedo (ADDED) | P Davis, Monique | P Joyce | P Reitz |
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| P Bassi | P Dugan | P Lang | A Rita |
| P Beaubien | P Dunkin | P Leitch | P Rose |
| P Beiser | E Durkin | P Lyons | P Ryg |
| P Bellock | P Eddy | E Mathias | E Sacia |
| P Berrios (ADDED) | P Farnham | P Mautino | P Saviano |
| P Biggins | A Feigenholtz | P May | P Schmitz |
| P Black | P Flider | P McAsey | A Scully |
| P Boland | P Flowers | P McAuliffe | P Senger |
| P Bost | P Ford | P McCarthy | P Smith |
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| P Brady | P Franks | P Mell | P Soto |
| P Brauer | P Fritchey | P Mendoza | P Stephens |
| P Brosnahan | P Froehlich | P Miller | P Sullivan |
| P Burke | P Golar | P Mitchell, Bill | P Thapedi |
| P Burns | P Gordon, Careen | P Mitchell, Jerry | P Tracy |
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| P Coladipietro | P Hamos | P Myers | P Verschoore |
| P Cole | P Hannig | P Nekritz | P Wait |
| P Collins | P Harris | P Osmond | P Walker |
| P Colvin | P Hatcher | P Osterman (ADDED) | P Washington |
| P Connelly | P Hernandez | P Phelps | P Watson |
| P Coulson | P Hoffman | P Pihos | P Winters |
| P Crespo | P Holbrook | P Poe | P Yarbrough |
| P Cross | P Howard | P Pritchard | P Zalewski |
| P Cultra | P Jackson | P Ramey | P Mr. Speaker |
| P Currie | P Jakobsson | P Reboletti | |
| P D'Amico | P Jefferson | P Reis | |

E - Denotes Excused Absence

10TH LEGISLATIVE DAY

Perfunctory Session

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009

At the hour of 4:02 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Ford replaced Representative John Bradley in the Committee on Transportation Regulation, Roads & Bridges on February 9, 2009.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Beiser, Chairperson, from the Committee on Transportation Regulation, Roads & Bridges to which the following were referred, action taken on February 9, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "do pass" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 270 and 353.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 353 is as follows:

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

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| Y Beiser(D), Chairperson | Y Miller(D), Vice-Chairperson |
| Y Brauer(R), Republican Spokesperson | Y Black(R) |
| Y Ford(D) (replacing Bradley) | Y D'Amico(D) |
| A Dugan(D) | Y Graham(D) |
| Y Hatcher(R) | Y Hoffman(D) |
| A Holbrook(D) | Y Howard(D) |
| Y Lyons(D) | Y McAuliffe(R) |
| Y McGuire(D) | Y Poe(R) |
| Y Reboletti(R) | Y Sommer(R) |
| A Soto(D) | Y Tracy(R) |
| A Wait(R) | |

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 270 is as follows:

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

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| Y Beiser(D), Chairperson | Y Miller(D), Vice-Chairperson |
| Y Brauer(R), Republican Spokesperson | Y Black(R) |
| Y Ford(D) (replacing Bradley) | Y D'Amico(D) |
| A Dugan(D) | Y Graham(D) |
| Y Hatcher(R) | Y Hoffman(D) |
| Y Holbrook(D) | Y Howard(D) |
| Y Lyons(D) | Y McAuliffe(R) |
| Y McGuire(D) | Y Poe(R) |
| Y Reboletti(R) | Y Sommer(R) |
| A Soto(D) | Y Tracy(R) |
| A Wait(R) | |

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

FIRST READING

Representative Black introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 13**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 1 of Article X of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE X
EDUCATION

SECTION 1. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT GOAL - FREE SCHOOLS

A fundamental right goal of the People of the State is the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capacities.

It is the paramount duty of the State to shall provide for a an thorough and efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services and to guarantee equality of educational opportunity as a fundamental right of each citizen. Education in public schools through the secondary level shall be free. The State has the preponderant financial responsibility for financing the system of public education. There may be such other free education as the General Assembly provides by law.

~~The State has the primary responsibility for financing the system of public education.~~
(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 13 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

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 0765. Introduced by Representative Howard, AN ACT concerning expunged and sealed records.

HOUSE BILL 0766. Introduced by Representative Howard, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 0767. Introduced by Representative Arroyo, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 0768. Introduced by Representatives Cavaletto - Stephens - Reis, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 0769. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 0770. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 0771. Introduced by Representative Brauer, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 0772. Introduced by Representative Pihos, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 0773. Introduced by Representative Lang, AN ACT concerning business.

- HOUSE BILL 0774. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 0775. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 0776. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 0777. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 0778. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 0779. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 0780. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 0781. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 0782. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 0783. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 0784. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 0785. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 0786. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 0787. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 0788. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 0789. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 0790. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning regulation.
- HOUSE BILL 0791. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 0792. Introduced by Representative Cole, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 0793. Introduced by Representative Winters, AN ACT concerning government.
- HOUSE BILL 0794. Introduced by Representative Durkin, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 0795. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning transportation, which may be referred to as Bachman's Law.
- HOUSE BILL 0796. Introduced by Representative Hannig, AN ACT concerning energy assistance.
- HOUSE BILL 0797. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 0798. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning economic development.
- HOUSE BILL 0799. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 0800. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 0801. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning revenue.

- HOUSE BILL 0802. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 0803. Introduced by Representative Wait, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 0804. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 0805. Introduced by Representative Fortner, AN ACT concerning public health.
- HOUSE BILL 0806. Introduced by Representative Fortner, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 0807. Introduced by Representative Fortner, AN ACT making appropriations.
- HOUSE BILL 0808. Introduced by Representative Fortner, AN ACT concerning finance.
- HOUSE BILL 0809. Introduced by Representative Fortner, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 0810. Introduced by Representative Pihos, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 0811. Introduced by Representative Lang, AN ACT concerning institutional funds.
- HOUSE BILL 0812. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 0813. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning aging.
- HOUSE BILL 0814. Introduced by Representative Mautino, AN ACT concerning finance.
- HOUSE BILL 0815. Introduced by Representative Brady, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 0816. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 0817. Introduced by Representative Eddy, AN ACT concerning taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 0818. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 0819. Introduced by Representative Eddy, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 0820. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 0821. Introduced by Representative Pihos, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 0822. Introduced by Representative Bradley, John, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 0823. Introduced by Representative Hoffman, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 0824. Introduced by Representative Ramey, AN ACT concerning finance.
- HOUSE BILL 0825. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning elections.
- HOUSE BILL 0826. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 0827. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 0828. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 0829. Introduced by Representative May, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 0830. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 0831. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 0832. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning compensation.

HOUSE BILL 0833. Introduced by Representative Boland, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 0834. Introduced by Representative Beaubien, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 0835. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 0836. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 0837. Introduced by Representative Coulson, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 0838. Introduced by Representative Lyons, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 0839. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning public health.

HOUSE BILL 0840. Introduced by Representative Boland, AN ACT concerning gaming.

HOUSE BILL 0841. Introduced by Representative Boland, AN ACT concerning gaming.

HOUSE BILL 0842. Introduced by Representative Boland, AN ACT concerning gaming.

HOUSE BILL 0843. Introduced by Representatives Saviano - Mathias, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 0844. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 0845. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 0846. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning courts.

HOUSE BILL 0847. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 0848. Introduced by Representative Acevedo, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

At the hour of 4:10 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.