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

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY

Republican Representative Committee)
Of the 52nd Representative District)
)
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

WHEREAS, Representative Mark Beaubien, a member of the Republican Party and Representative in the General Assembly for the Fifty-Second District, passed away on June 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mark Beaubien was the duly elected State Representative for the 52nd Representative District for the 97th General Assembly;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Republican Representative Committee of the Fifty Second Representative District does hereby find and declare that the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the Fifty Second Representative District is vacant for the 97th General Assembly.

SIGNED: s/Robert Cook
Chairman

SIGNED: s/Mike Tryon
Secretary

DATED: 06/16/11

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY
IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN THE FIFTY SECOND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT**

Republican Representative Committee)
Of the 52nd Representative District)
)
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the office of Representative in the General Assembly in the 52nd Representative District of the State of Illinois as a result of the untimely death on June 5, 2011 of Mark Beaubien, a duly elected member of the Republican Party from the 52nd Representative District of the State of Illinois for the 97th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 52nd Representative District has met and voted to fill the vacancy in said office, as required by 10 ILCS 5/25-6;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Representative Committee of the 52nd Representative District hereby appoints Kent Gaffney of 24047 North Coneflower, Lake Barrington,

[October 5, 2011]

Illinois, a member of the Republican Party, to the office of Representative in the General Assembly in the 52nd Representative District for the 97th General Assembly, effective June 30, 2011;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such appointment shall be effective upon the Appointee taking the oath of office.

s/Robert Cook
Bob Cook
Chairman

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Votes Cast

s/Mike Tryon
Mike Tryon
Secretary

15,031
Votes Cast

s/Eugene Dawson 2,497
Gene Dawson
Member

Dated: June 30, 2011

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 30th day of June, 2011.

s/Philip S. Howe
Notary Public

OATH OF OFFICE

State of Illinois)
)
County of McHenry)

I, Kenton Gaffney, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 52nd Representative District of the State of Illinois to the best of my ability.

Signed: s/Kent Gaffney

Date: 7/4/11

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 4th day of July, 2011.

s/Martin Zopp
Judge or Notary Public

June 25, 2011

Illinois House of Representatives
Office of the Clerk
420 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Resignation - Dan Reitz – State Representative 116th District

Dear Mr. Clerk:

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

I, Daniel J. Reitz, do hereby resign the Office of Illinois State Representative, 116th District, effective June 25th, 2011.

Sincerely,

s/Dan Reitz
State Representative
116th District

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION

Democratic Representative Committee for the
116th Representative District, State of Illinois

This is to certify that, in accordance with Section 8-5 of the Illinois Election Code, the Democratic Representative Committee of the 116th Representative District of the State of Illinois met on the 30th day of June, 2011, and organized by electing the following officers:

s/Alan Pirtle
CHAIRMAN

1022 Arizona Drive, Columbia, IL 62236
ADDRESS

Doyle K. Jones
SECRETARY

704 Evans Dr., P.O. Box 202 Evansville, IL 62242
ADDRESS

Signed: s/Alan Pirtle
CHAIRMAN

Attest: s/Doyle K. Jones
SECRETARY

June 30, 2011

Hon. Jesse White
Secretary of State
State of Illinois
111 E. Monroe Street
Springfield, IL 62756

Via Facsimile: 217-524-0930

[October 5, 2011]

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RE: Vacancy in the Representative in the General Assembly for the 116th Representative District

Dear Secretary White:

This letter is to inform you that, pursuant to Section 25-6 of the Election Code, that the Democratic Representative District Committee for the 116th Representative District has declared the existence of a vacancy in the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 116th Representative District due to the resignation of Rep. Dan Reitz.

Alan Pirtle
Monroe County Democratic Chair
Chairperson

Doyle Jones
Randolph County Democratic Chair
Secretary

July 19, 2011

Bryan A. Schneider
Chairman
Illinois State Board of Elections
1020 S. Spring St.
Springfield, IL 62704

Hon. Jesse White
Secretary of State
213 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Hon. Timothy D. Mapes
Clerk of the House
Ill. House of Representatives
402 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

RE: 116th Representative District Vacancy in Office

Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that the Democratic Representative District Committee for the 116th Representative District met on June 30, 2011 to declare the existence of a vacancy in the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 116th Representative District due to the resignation of Rep. Dan Reitz.

You are hereby notified that the vacancy in office has been filled, in accordance with the Election Code, by the appointment of Jerry F. Costello II, who resides at 5373 Live Oak Drive, Smithton, Illinois, Zip Code 62285 in the 116th Representative District of the State of Illinois and who is a member of the Democratic Party, to fill the vacancy in office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 116th Representative District of the State of Illinois for the remainder of the term.

s/Alan G. Pirtle
Committeeman, Chair

s/Doyle K. Jones
Committeeman, Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN THE
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists in the office of Representative in the General Assembly from the 116th Representative District of the State of Illinois, by reason of Representative Dan Reitz's June 25, 2011 resignation; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Representative Committee of the 116th Representative District has declared the existence of a vacancy in said office and has voted to fill the vacancy in accordance with Section 25-6 of the Election Code; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Democratic Representative Committee of the 116th Representative District on July 19, 2011, Jerry F. Costello II, who resides at 5373 Live Oak Drive, Smithton, Illinois 62285 in the 116th Representative District of the State of Illinois, received the required number of votes for appointment to fill the vacancy in office, pursuant to Section 25-6 of the Election Code; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 19th day of July, 2011, that the Democratic Representative Committee of the 116th Representative District of the State of Illinois hereby appoints Jerry F. Costello II, who resides at 5373 Live Oak Drive, Smithton, Illinois 62285 in the 116th Representative District of the State of Illinois, who is eligible to serve as a member of the General Assembly, and who is a member of the Democratic Party, as the Representative in the General Assembly from the 116th Representative District of the State of Illinois for the remainder of the term.

s/Alan G. Pirtle
Committeeman, Democratic Representative
Committee for the 116th Representative District

s/Doyle K. Jones
Committeeman, Democratic Representative
Committee for the 116th Representative District

s/Nick Dolce
Committeeman, Democratic Representative
Committee for the 116th Representative District

s/Robert Sprague
Committeeman, Democratic Representative
Committee for the 116th Representative District

State of Illinois)
)
County of Monroe)

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on the 19th day of July, 2011

s/Catherine Mikolay
Notary Public

OATH OF OFFICE

State of Illinois)
)
County of Monroe)

I Jerry F. Costello, II, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 116th Representative District of the State of Illinois to the best of my ability.

Signed s/Jerry F. Costello II

Date: 07-25-11

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this 25th of July, 2011.

s/Connie Doyle
Judge or Notary Public

August 2, 2011

Illinois House of Representatives
Office of the Clerk
402 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Resignation – Ron Stephens – State Representative, 102nd House District

Dear Mr. Clerk:

This document shall serve as my official Letter of Resignation as an Illinois State Representative.

I, Ronald E. Stephens, do hereby resign the Office of Illinois State Representative, 102nd House District, effective August 2nd, 2011.

Respectfully,

s/Ron Stephens
State Representative
Asst. Minority Leader

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY

Republican Representative Committee)
of the 102nd Representative District)
)
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF MADISON)

WHEREAS, Representative Ron Stephens, a member of the Republican Party and Representative in the General Assembly for the One Hundred Second District, resigned effective August 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Representative Ron Stephens was the duly elected State Representative for the 102nd Representative District for the 97th General Assembly;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Republican Representative Committee of the One Hundred Second Representative District does hereby find and declare that the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the One Hundred Second Representative District is vacant for the 97th General Assembly.

SIGNED: s/Deb Detmers
Chairman

SIGNED: s/Jon McLean
Secretary

DATED: 8-3-11

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on the 3rd day of August, 2011

OATH OF OFFICE

State of Illinois)
)
County of Clinton)

I, Paul J. Evans do solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 102nd Representative District of the State of Illinois to the best of my ability.

Signed: s/Paul J. Evans

Date: August 26, 2011

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this 26 day of August 2011.

s/George C. Lackey
Judge

s/Angela Davidson-Garlick
Notary Public

REPORTS

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

Prostate and Testicular Cancer Report to the Illinois General Assembly, submitted by Illinois Department of Public Health on June 24, 2011.

Report Outlining the Progress to bring more transparency to the Illinois Medical Assistance Program - P.A. 96-941., submitted by Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services on June 23, 2011.

Chicago/Gary Regional Airport Authority 2010 Annual Report, submitted by Chicago/Gary Regional Airport Authority on June 23, 2011.

Personal Information Security Breach, submitted by Southern Illinois University - Carbondale on June 24, 2011.

Judicial Inquiry Board Compliance Examination For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2011.

Regional Office of Education #11 Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties Financial Audit for the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2011.

Hancock/McDonough Regional Office of Education #26 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2011.

Sangamon County Regional Office of Education #51 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2011.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, submitted by Southern Illinois University on June 28, 2011.

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Financial Plan For Fiscal Years 2012, 2013, and 2014, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority on June 29, 2011.

Illinois Department of Revenue Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Illinois Department of Revenue Compliance Examination For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Deferred Compensation Plan Financial Audits For the Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Department of Children and Family Services Compliance Examination For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Department of Children and Family Services Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Department of Military Affairs Compliance Examination For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Compliance Examination For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Illinois Gaming Board Financial Audit Fund 129 - State Gaming Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2010 and Compliance Examination For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Boone/Winnebago Counties Regional Office of Education #4 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Carroll Jo Daviess, and Stephenson Counties Regional Office of Education #8 For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Fulton/Schuyler Counties Regional Office of Education #22 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Kane County Regional Office of Education #31 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Macon/Piatt Counties Regional Office of Education #39 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on June 29, 2011.

Report to the General Assembly Concerning Spending Limits on Renewable Energy Resource Procurement on June 30, 2011, submitted by Illinois Commerce Commission on June 30, 2011.

Report to the Illinois General Assembly Concerning Spending Limits on Energy Efficiency and Demand-Response Measures, submitted by Illinois Commerce Commission on June 30, 2011.

Mercury-Free Vaccine Act - Public Act 94-0614, submitted by Department of Public Health on July 1, 2011.

Instructional Mandates Task Force Report, submitted by Illinois State Board of Education on July 1, 2011.

Progress Report of the Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Elementary and Secondary Education on July 1, 2011, submitted by Illinois State Board of Education on July 1, 2011.

Report on the Out-of-State Tuition and Fees at the University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign, submitted by Illinois Board of Higher Education on July 1, 2011.

Comprehensive Technology Plan For Illinois' Health and Human Services System, submitted by Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Department of Human Services, and Office of the Governor on July 1, 2011.

Report of the Condominium Advisory Council, submitted by Condominium Advisory Council on July 1, 2011.

Office of Retail Market Development Illinois Commerce Commission 2011 Annual Report, submitted by Illinois Commerce Commission on July 6, 2011.

2010 Annual Report of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, submitted by Joint Committee on Administrative Rules on July 13, 2011.

Certification for Designation as an Illinois High Impact Business/Wind Energy Business, submitted by Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity on July 13, 2011.

2010 Redeploy Illinois Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly, submitted by Redeploy Illinois on July 14, 2011.

Report on Recovery Zone Facility Bonds, Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, and Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds, submitted by Illinois Finance Authority's Report on July 14, 2011.

Service Organization Review - Department of Central Management Services Bureau of Communications and Computer Services, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Illinois Prisoner Review Board Compliance Examination For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Illinois Commerce Commission Limited Scope Compliance Examination For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Historic Preservation Agency Compliance Examination For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Financial Audit For the Year Ended December 31, 2010 and Compliance Examination For the Year Ended December 31, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Christian/Montgomery Counties Regional Office of Education #10 Financial Audit for the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Whiteside County Regional Office of Education #55 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Tazewell County Regional Office of Education #53 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Lee/Ogle Counties Regional Office of Education #47 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Jackson and Perry Counties Regional Office of Education #30 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Grundy/Kendall Counties Regional Office of Education #24 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Clinton, Marion, and Washington Counties Regional Office of Education #13 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on July 14, 2011.

Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act (Public Act 94-0987), submitted by Auburn Police Department on July 15, 2011.

Public Building Commission CPS Legislative 265 Bi-Annual Report, submitted by Public Building Commission of Chicago on July 20, 2011.

Report of Sole Source Procurement Method, submitted by Executive Ethics Commission - Department of Transportation Chief Procurement Office on July 20, 2011.

Illinois Human Services Plan for State Fiscal Years 2010, 2011, and 2012, submitted by Department of Human Services on July 21, 2011.

Illinois Department of Corrections Quarterly Report - July 1, 2011, submitted by Illinois Department of Corrections on July 26, 2011.

Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Quarterly Report - April 1, 2011, submitted by Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice on July 26, 2011.

Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act (Public Act 94-0987), submitted by Lexington Police Department on July 27, 2011.

State of Illinois Sole Source Procurement Report for Fiscal Year 2011, submitted by State of Illinois - General Services, Institutions for Higher Education, Capital Development Board, and Department of Transportation on August 1, 2011.

State of Illinois Statewide Single Audit Report For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 3, 2011.

Department of Corrections - Financial Audit and Compliance Examination - June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 3, 2011.

Mid America Medical District Commission Compliance Examination For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 3, 2011.

Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund Council Compliance Examination For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 3, 2011.

Information regarding the Illinois Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Act, submitted by Department of Public Health on August 3, 2011.

Disclosure of Protected Health Information, submitted by Department of Human Services on August 5, 2011.

Report on the Sole Source Procurement Method for the Period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, submitted by Office of the Attorney General on August 5, 2011.

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2010, submitted by Illinois Department of Corrections on August 10, 2011.

July 2011 Illiana Legislative Report, submitted by Illinois Department of Transportation on August 10, 2011.

August 2011 Illiana Legislative Report, submitted by Illinois Department of Transportation on August 10, 2011.

Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Joint Report on Public Act 81-202 - Home Services Program, submitted by Department of Human Services on August 18, 2011.

Illinois Violence Prevention Authority Compliance Examination For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 18, 2011.

Department of Juvenile Justice Compliance Examination, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 18, 2011.

Bureau/Henry/Stark Counties Regional Office of Education #28 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 18, 2011.

Regional Office of Education #38 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 18, 2011.

Notice of Security Breach, submitted by Northern Illinois University on August 22, 2011.

Illinois Office of the State Comptroller - Statewide Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 23, 2011.

Kankakee River Valley Area Airport Authority Financial Audit and Compliance Examination For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 23, 2011.

Office of the State Fire Marshal Compliance Examination For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 23, 2011.

DuPage County Regional Office of Education #19 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on August 23, 2011.

Illinois Abortion Statistics For 2005, submitted by Illinois Department of Public Health on August 23, 2011.

Notice of Security Breach, submitted by Northern Illinois University on August 24, 2011.

Illinois Abortion Statistics For 2006, submitted by Illinois Department of Public Health on August 25, 2011.

Disabled Hiring Initiative Report For July 2010 - July 2011, submitted by Illinois Department of Central Management Services on August 23, 2011.

Illinois Abortion Statistics For 2007, submitted by Illinois Department of Public Health on September 2, 2011.

Illinois Abortion Statistics For 2008, submitted by Illinois Department of Public Health on September 2, 2011.

Illinois-Based Firm Utilization Report, submitted by Cook County Pension Fund on September 2, 2011.

September 2011 Illiana Expressway Legislative Report, submitted by Illinois Department of Transportation on September 6, 2011.

2011 Annual Report Identifying the Economic Opportunity Investments Made by the Illinois State Board of Investment, submitted by Illinois State Board of Investment on September 6, 2011.

August 2011 Monthly Briefing, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability on September 7, 2011.

Management Audit Boards and Commissions - September 2011, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on September 6, 2011.

DeKalb County Regional Office of Education #16 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on September 6, 2011.

Lake County Regional Office of Education #34 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on September 6, 2011.

Motor Fuel Pricing Factors, Tax Structure, and Other Related Issues Including the Commission's Response to House Resolution 0328 - 2011 Edition, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability on September 9, 2011.

Notice of Security Breach, submitted by Southern Illinois University - Carbondale on September 9, 2011.

A Report on the Appropriateness of the 90% Funding Target of Public Act 88-593, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability on September 6, 2011.

The Reduction of Infant Mortality in Illinois, submitted by Illinois Department of Human Services on September 12, 2011.

Grant Alerts - September 2011, submitted by Legislative Research Unit on September 12, 2011.

Financial Statements for the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation as of December 31, 2010, submitted by Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation on September 12, 2011.

Executive Summary Final Drainage Study for Outfall 3, City of Palos Hills, and Cook County - June 2011, submitted by Illinois Department of Natural Resources on September 13, 2011.

Annual Progress Report Illinois State Diabetes Commission and Illinois Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, submitted by Illinois Department of Public Health on September 13, 2011.

Report on Lake Michigan Water Quality, submitted by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on September 13, 2011.

Annual Report to the General Assembly Required By Section 5/4-201.16 of the Illinois Highway Code, submitted by Illinois Department of Transportation on September 15, 2011.

Satisfying Requirements for Designation as an Illinois High Impact Business/Wind Energy Business, submitted by Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity on September 20, 2011.

Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan 2010 Annual Report, submitted by Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan on September 22, 2011.

Report of Annual Capital Expenditures, 2009, submitted by Illinois Department of Public Health on September 22, 2011.

Illinois Racing Board Compliance Examination For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on September 23, 2011.

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Department of Veterans' Affairs Compliance Examination For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on September 23, 2011.

Regional Office of Education #32 Iroquois and Kankakee Counties Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on September 23, 2011.

Regional Office of Education 340 Calhoun, Green, Jersey, and Macoupin Counties Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on September 23, 2011.

McHenry County Regional Office of Education #44 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on September 23, 2011.

Rock Island County Regional Office of Education #49 Financial Audit For the Year Ended June 30, 2010, submitted by Office of the Auditor General on September 23, 2011.

Managing McCormick Place and Navy Pier Affirmative Action Plan Fiscal Year 2012, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority on September 23, 2011.

Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Report on the use of: Women, Minority, and Disabled-Owned Investment Advisors and Broker/Dealers, submitted by Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois on September 23, 2011.

TRS Investments in Illinois For the Period Ending December 31, 2010, submitted by Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois on September 23, 2011.

Report #6 Pursuant to the Taxpayer Accountability and Budget Stabilization Act (P.A. 96-1496), submitted by Office of the Auditor General on September 29, 2011.

Report #5 Pursuant to the Taxpayer Accountability and Budget Stabilization Act (P.A. 96-1496), submitted by Office of the Auditor General on September 29, 2011.

Waivers of School Code Mandates: Fall 2011 Waiver Summary Report, submitted by Illinois State Board of Education on September 30, 2011.

Office of the Inspector General Summary Activity Report for the Period ending September 30, 2011, submitted by Office of the Inspector General on October 3, 2011.

Enterprise Zone Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2011, submitted by Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity on October 5, 2011.

2010 Hispanic Employment Plan, submitted by Office of the State Treasurer on October 5, 2011.

LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL

October 4, 2011

Tim Mapes
Chief Clerk of the House
420 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mapes:

Pursuant to House Rule 9(a), by this letter I am establishing that the House of Representatives will be in **Perfunctory Session on Wednesday, October 5, 2011.**

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

July 5, 2011

Timothy D. Mapes
Clerk of the House
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
300 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

The following changes to the 97th General Assembly House Committees are effective immediately.

Labor

Representative John Bradley is appointed Chairperson of this committee (replacing Harry Osterman).

Health Care Licenses

Representative Mike Zalewski is appointed Chairperson of this committee (replacing Dan Reitz).

Representative Pat Verschoore is appointed Vice Chair of this committee.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

s/Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House

July 12, 2011

Mr. Brad Bolin
Assistant Clerk of the House
420 Statehouse
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please appoint Representative Kent Gaffney to the following committees replacing former State Representative Mark Beaubien:

Appropriations-General Services
Insurance
Revenue

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Additional committee appointments will be forthcoming at a later date.

Sincerely,

s/Tom Cross
House Republican Leader

August 8, 2011

Timothy D. Mapes
Clerk of the House
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
420 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

The following change to a 97th General Assembly House Committee is effective immediately.

International Trade & Commerce

Representative Jack Franks is appointed Chairperson. (replaces Susana Mendoza)

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

s/Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House

August 18, 2011

Timothy D. Mapes
Clerk of the House
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
300 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

The following changes to the 97th General Assembly House Committees are effective immediately.

Consumer Protection

- Representative Kelly Cassidy is appointed, filling vacancy created by Susana Mendoza.
- Representative Jerry Costello, II is appointed.
- Membership is changed to: 11 Majority appointments; 9 Minority appointments

Labor

- Representative Kelly Cassidy is appointed, filling vacancy created by Harry Osterman.

Appropriations – Public Safety

- Representative Kelly Cassidy is appointed.
- Membership is changed to: 11 Majority appointments; 9 Minority appointments

Appropriations – Higher Education

- Representative Kelly Cassidy is appointed.
- Membership is changed to: 11 Majority appointments; 9 Minority appointments

Environmental Health

- Representative Kelly Cassidy is appointed.
- Membership is changed to: 10 Majority appointments; 8 Minority appointments

Health Care Availability & Accessibility

- Representative Kim du Buclet is appointed, filling vacancy created by Will Burns.

Small Business Empowerment & Workforce Development

- Representative Kim du Buclet is appointed.
- Membership is changed to: 12 Majority appointments; 10 Minority appointments

Higher Education

- Representative Kim du Buclet is appointed.
- Membership is changed to: 7 Majority appointments; 6 Minority appointments

Appropriations – Human Services

- Representative Kim du Buclet is appointed, filling vacancy created by Harry Osterman.

Health & Healthcare Disparities

- Representative Kim du Buclet is appointed.
- Membership changed to: 9 Majority appointments; 8 Minority appointments

Tourism & Conventions

- Representative Kim du Buclet is appointed, filling vacancy created by Will Burns.
- Representative Jerry Costello, II is appointed.
- Membership changed to: 12 Majority appointments; 10 Minority appointments

Agriculture & Conservation

- Representative Jerry Costello, II is appointed, filling the vacancy created by Dan Reitz.

Veterans' Affairs

- Representative Jerry Costello, II is appointed.
- Membership is changed to: 14 Majority appointments; 10 Minority appointments

Armed Forces and Military Affairs

- Representative Jerry Costello, II is appointed.
- Membership is changed to: 4 Majority appointments; 3 Minority appointments

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

s/Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House

August 24, 2011

Timothy D. Mapes
Clerk of the House

[October 5, 2011]

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
300 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

The following change to a 97th General Assembly House Committee is effective immediately.

Public Utilities

Representative Brandon Phelps is appointed as a member (replacing Dan Reitz) and will also serve as Vice Chair.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

s/Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House

August 26, 2011

Mr. Brad Bolin
Assistant Clerk of the House
420 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please be advised that I have appointed the following Republican Member to the **Armed Forces and Military Affairs** committee for the 97th General Assembly. This appointment is effective immediately.

Representative Kent Gaffney

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

s/Tom Cross
House Republican Leader

September 26, 2011

Mr. Brad Bolin
Assistant Clerk of the House
420 Statehouse
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please appoint Representative Paul Evans to the following committees:

Appropriations – Human Services
Appropriations – Public Safety

**Small Business
Tourism
Consumer Protection
Environmental Health**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

s/Tom Cross
House Republican Leader

RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

The following bills were re-referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 19(b) HOUSE BILLS 113, 114, 115, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 133, 134, 135, 136, 328, 363, 1085, 1199, 1231, 1235, 1348, 1352, 1355, 1387, 1389, 1465, 1472, 1538, 1717, 1870, 1918, 2023, 2106, 2108, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2166, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2190, 2313, 2555, 2564, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 2679, 2680, 2681, 2682, 2683, 2684, 2685, 2686, 2687, 2688, 2689, 2690, 2691, 2692, 2693, 2694, 2695, 2696, 2699, 2700, 2701, 2702, 2703, 2704, 2705, 2706, 2707, 2708, 2709, 2710, 2711, 2712, 2713, 2714, 2715, 2716, 2717, 2718, 2719, 2720, 2721, 2722, 2723, 2724, 2725, 2726, 2727, 2728, 2729, 2730, 2731, 2732, 2733, 2734, 2735, 2736, 2737, 2738, 2739, 2740, 2741, 2742, 2743, 2744, 2745, 2746, 2747, 2748, 2749, 2750, 2751, 2752, 2753, 2754, 2755, 2756, 2757, 2970, 2971, 2979, 2980, 2981, 3022, 3037, 3142, 3143, 3144, 3145, 3146, 3200, 3203, 3324, 3335, 3379, 3571, 3623, 3640, 3641, 3642, 3643, 3646, 3647, 3648, 3649, 3650, 3651, 3652, 3653, 3654, 3655, 3656, 3657, 3658, 3659, 3660, 3661, 3662, 3663, 3664, 3665, 3666, 3667, 3668, 3669, 3670, 3671, 3672, 3673, 3674, 3675, 3676, 3677, 3678, 3679, 3680, 3681, 3682, 3683, 3684, 3685, 3686, 3687, 3688, 3689, 3690, 3691, 3692, 3693, 3694, 3695, 3696, 3701, 3702, 3703, 3704, 3705, 3706, 3707, 3708, 3709, 3710, 3711, 3714, 3715, 3716, 3718, 3719, 3720, 3721, 3722, 3723, 3726, 3727, 3728, 3729, 3730, 3731, 3732, 3733, 3734, 3735, 3736, 3737, 3738, 3739, 3740, 3741, 3742, 3743, 3744, 3745, 3746, 3747, 3748, 3749, 3750, 3751, SENATE BILLS 2315, 2332, 2348, 2357, 2378, 2390, 2394, 2403, 2409, 2413, 2416, 2419, 2424, 2428, 2437, 2443, 2449, 2450, 2454, 2456, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2480, HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 25, 30, 37, 38, 101, 112, 135, 141, 162, 175, 180, 254, 265, 275, 397, 412, 417, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS 2, 14, 15, 29, 37 and HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS 2, 3, 13 and 14.

CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Coladipietro was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Reis became the new principal sponsor of SENATE BILL 1610.

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 3793. Introduced by Representatives Franks - Cunningham, Sullivan, Gaffney, Dugan, Dunkin, Colvin, Mayfield, Ramey, Farnham, Coladipietro, Crespo, Costello, Mussman, Gordon, Kay and Tryon, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 3794. Introduced by Representatives Mitchell, Bill - Brown - Rose, AN ACT concerning firearms.

HOUSE BILL 3795. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 3796. Introduced by Representative Brown, AN ACT concerning firearms.

HOUSE BILL 3797. Introduced by Representative Kay, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 3798. Introduced by Representative Burke, Daniel, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 3799. Introduced by Representatives May - Mayfield - Dugan - Farnham - Sente, Crespo, Feigenholtz, Jakobsson, Beiser, Mussman, Gordon, Costello, Colvin, Gabel, Verschoore and Cassidy, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 3800. Introduced by Representatives Sacia - Nybo - Kay - Hatcher - Reis, Leitch, Cavaletto and Brown, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 3801. Introduced by Representatives Holbrook - Beiser - Costello - Mayfield - Colvin, Dugan, Farnham, Crespo, Feigenholtz, Sente, Jakobsson, Mussman and Gordon, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 3802. Introduced by Representative Costello, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 3803. Introduced by Representative Gaffney, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 3804. Introduced by Representatives Franks - Farnham - Sente, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 3805. Introduced by Representative Durkin, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 3806. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning minors.

HOUSE BILL 3807. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning courts.

HOUSE BILL 3808. Introduced by Representative Beiser, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 3809. Introduced by Representative Cassidy, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 3810. Introduced by Representative Crespo, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 3811. Introduced by Representatives Cross, Barickman, Bellock, Bost, Brady, Brauer, Brown, Cavaletto, Coladipietro, Cole, Connelly, Durkin, Eddy, Evans, Fortner, Gaffney, Hammond, Harris, David, Hatcher, Hays, Kay, Kosel, Leitch, Mathias, McAuliffe, Mitchell, Bill, Mitchell, Jerry, Moffitt, Morrison, Morthland, Mulligan, Nybo, Osmond, Pihos, Poe, Pritchard, Ramey, Reboletti, Reis, Rose, Rosenthal, Roth, Sacia, Saviano, Schmitz, Senger, Sommer, Sosnowski, Sullivan, Tracy, Tryon, Unes, Watson and Winters, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 3812. Introduced by Representative Burke, Daniel, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 3813. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Harris, David - Pihos - Bellock - Cole, Connelly and Senger, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 3814. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 3815. Introduced by Representative May, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

- HOUSE BILL 3816. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning State government.
- HOUSE BILL 3817. Introduced by Representatives Morthland - Evans, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 3818. Introduced by Representatives Morthland - Evans, AN ACT concerning revenue.
- HOUSE BILL 3819. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 3820. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT in relation to taxes.
- HOUSE BILL 3821. Introduced by Representative Schmitz, AN ACT concerning public health.
- HOUSE BILL 3822. Introduced by Representative Beiser, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 3823. Introduced by Representative Beiser, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 3824. Introduced by Representative Pritchard, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 3825. Introduced by Representative Unes, AN ACT concerning business.
- HOUSE BILL 3826. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning service dogs.
- HOUSE BILL 3827. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Senger, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
- HOUSE BILL 3828. Introduced by Representative Madigan, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 466

Offered by Representative Mayfield:

WHEREAS, Jonathan Alexander Wilkins was born with a severe case of Hirschsprung's disease; he had an obstructed colon and was unable to have a bowel movement; in his 2 years of life he underwent 4 major surgeries but lost his battle to live 2 months after his last surgery; and

WHEREAS, Hirschsprung's Disease is a rare congenital (present at birth) abnormality that results in obstruction because the intestines do not work normally; it is most often found in males; it is commonly found in Down Syndrome children; it can be life-threatening or a chronic disorder; the inadequate motility is a result of an aganglionic (without nerve tissue) section of the intestines resulting in megacolon (dilated section of colon); and

WHEREAS, In a newborn, the chief signs and symptoms are failure to pass a meconium stool within 24-48 hours after birth, reluctance to eat, bile-stained (green) vomiting, and abdominal distension; during infancy the child has difficulty gaining weight, constipation, abdominal distension, episodes of diarrhea and vomiting; explosive watery diarrhea, fever, and exhaustion are signs of enterocolitis (inflammation of the colon) and are considered serious and life-threatening; and

WHEREAS, Doctors don't know what causes the disease, but it tends to run in families; it may also be linked to other medical problems, such as Down syndrome and congenital heart disease; and

WHEREAS, Children with Hirschsprung's disease need surgery to remove the diseased part of the large intestine; surgery is often done within the first days or month of life, soon after the disease is found; children with Hirschsprung's disease need 1 or 2 surgeries; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate September 25th as Hirschsprung Disease

Awareness Day in the State of Illinois in memory of Jonathan Alexander Wilkins; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the family of Jonathan Alexander Wilkins as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 470

Offered by Representative Brown:

WHEREAS, Early this year, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) began to define crop-share tenant farmers as "for-hire" carriers and implements of husbandry as "commercial motor vehicles"; and

WHEREAS, The "for-hire" designation for crop-share tenant farmers would have a dramatic effect on farmers because it voids exemptions from the Commercial Driver's License program and would require a minimum of \$750,000 in insurance coverage for the farmer; and

WHEREAS, Most Illinois farmers are impacted by the change, as a reported 37% of farmland acres in Illinois in 2009 were farmed under a crop-share arrangement; and

WHEREAS, Agricultural organizations in Illinois and across the nation have been working with the FMCSA to come to an agreement on these issues; and

WHEREAS, The FMCSA agreed to reconsider its recent interpretation of these regulations; and

WHEREAS, In late May 2011, the FMCSA published a notice in the Federal Register requesting comment on previously-published regulatory guidance on the distinction of interstate and intrastate commerce with regard to agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, The notice also requests comment on agricultural transportation as part of a crop-share agreement being subject to commercial driver's license regulations and whether implements of husbandry are considered commercial motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Regulators claim that because a crop-share tenant farmer hauls grain to the elevator that ultimately will become the property of the landlord, the tenant must then be considered a "for-hire" carrier; and

WHEREAS, The requirement for a CDL mentioned in the Federal Register falls far short of recognizing the range of impacts associated with the for-hire designation of crop-share tenant farmers under FMCSA's current interpretation; and

WHEREAS, No shipment of grain produced under a crop-share agreement should be considered to be a for-hire move unless there is a separate agreement between tenant and landlord for the transportation of grain; and

WHEREAS, It is discriminatory to single out farmers who compensate their landlord with a share of the crop produced on the land versus those tenant farmers who make that payment in the form of cash; and

WHEREAS, The form of compensation paid to the landlord by the tenant farmer in exchange for use of the farmland does not transform the farmer from a private carrier to a for-hire carrier; and

WHEREAS, It is clear that the United States Congress and early regulation administrators had not intended the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to apply to implements of husbandry; and

WHEREAS, Implements of husbandry used on public roads should not be considered commercial motor vehicles under the MCSR; and

WHEREAS, The FMCSA is expected to provide final guidance on these issues in August of 2011; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to carefully examine the comments received regarding crop-share tenant farmers being considered for-hire carriers and implements of husbandry being considered commercial motor vehicles; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the FMCSA to reverse its recent interpretation so that agricultural operations are not adversely affected; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the United States Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 487

Offered by Representative Franks:

WHEREAS, Children who have had a loved one die, especially a friend or close family member, can carry that loss with them forever, causing confusion and fearfulness as they struggle to understand why their loved one was taken away; and

WHEREAS, Willow House is the only non-profit organization in the entire State that provides extended services at no fee to children and families; and

WHEREAS, Counseling provided by Willow House offers emotional support for children struggling with grief, allowing them to find guidance and understanding during an extremely difficult time; and

WHEREAS, Willow House Board President Kitty Hoffman began helping children after her son, Michael, along with 7 other students, were killed while riding aboard a school bus that was involved in a railroad crossing accident in Fox River Grove on October 25, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Florida and Pennsylvania have already signed on in support of grieving children by declaring Thursday, November 17, 2011, as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in their respective states; and

WHEREAS, On November 17, 2011, citizens and communities throughout Illinois are encouraged to wear blue in an effort to raise awareness and show their support for mournful children and the grief centers that seek to serve those young people confounded by the reality of death; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize November 17, 2011, as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Willow House be recognized for its efforts to support children, teens, families, and communities who are coping with death and dying; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Kitty Hoffman as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 520

Offered by Representative Phelps:

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service (USPS) is currently experiencing a major budget shortfall; the USPS is so low on available funds that it will not be able to make a \$5.5 billion payment that is due in September of 2011; missing the payment will create a situation where the USPS will no longer have money to pay its employees and gas up its trucks, forcing it to stop delivering the roughly three billion pieces of mail it handles every week; and

WHEREAS, In response to this budget shortfall, United States Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe has proposed a series of cost-cutting measures to erase the agency's deficit, which will reach \$9.2 billion this fiscal year; the cuts include eliminating Saturday mail delivery, closing up to 3,700 postal locations, and laying off 120,000 workers, which accounts for nearly one-fifth of the agency's work force; and

WHEREAS, Congress is currently considering numerous emergency proposals to save the USPS, but have been unable to come to a consensus on any solution to the budget shortfall; the lack of any solution will eventually force the USPS to cease delivering mail altogether; and

WHEREAS, It is of the utmost importance that the United States Postal Service remain open and able to perform the vitally importance task of delivering the mail to millions of Americans; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to ensure adequate funding for the United States Postal Service and to take all appropriate steps to keep the United States Postal Service open for all Americans to use; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies be presented to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 41

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:

WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin and is characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities; and

WHEREAS, These difficulties typically are caused by a deficit in the phonological component of language that is unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and to the provision of effective classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia, which occurs on a continuum of severity, affects between 10 and 20 percent of the population according to the National Institutes of Health; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 200,000 Illinois students, from kindergarten through postgraduate studies, learn differently and would benefit from receiving accessible content; and

WHEREAS, Research shows significant improvements in reading comprehension, content acquisition, reading accuracy, self-confidence, and reading rates for students with dyslexia who used accessible materials, such as audiobooks, in their education; and

WHEREAS, Illinois students, parents, teachers, and residents will benefit from increased awareness of the nature of dyslexia, the early warning signs of dyslexia, and the value of accessible educational materials and multisensory language interventions for students with dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, Greater recognition and understanding are necessary to ensure that individuals with dyslexia are accurately identified and provided with appropriate services so that they might lead maximally productive lives; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare the month of October 2011 as Dyslexia Awareness Month in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we join in celebrating the success of students with dyslexia and the different ways by which these students learn; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we support the November 1, 2011 event to be hosted by the Illinois Dyslexia Advisory Council for parents, educators, and legislators; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Illinois Dyslexia Advisory Council as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 42

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:

WHEREAS, Parental involvement, nutrition, and extracurricular activity impact a child's well-being, academic success, and life trajectory; and

WHEREAS, A child's education does not occur exclusively in schools, but also within the child's home and community, and without proper support from all 3 aspects of a child's education, the child's prospects of becoming a well-equipped and valuable member of society are greatly diminished; and

WHEREAS, Fewer than 45% of parents read to their children at home and fewer than 28% tell their children stories; and

WHEREAS, All parents want their children to succeed in school and in life, yet parental time constraints, lack of training, or lack of easily accessible resources inhibit their ability to participate in the education of their children; and

WHEREAS, Class and socioeconomics directly impact the school-home experience; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that school districts in this State are strongly urged to improve support resources for involvement of parents in the education of their children through the use of the following strategies:

- (1) delivering learning activities to parents through programs such as Pocket Literacy Coach and GreatSchools.org;
- (2) providing parents with coaching on how to facilitate a more supportive home-learning environment;
- (3) providing a direct form of communication that is convenient and easily accessible, such as text messaging; and
- (4) increasing opportunities for parents to provide input and otherwise engage with the school; and be it further

RESOLVED, That teachers and schools are encouraged to disseminate information and resources to parents to support the education of their children in the home by establishing a public system for announcing resources and feedback; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the school districts of this State.

At the hour of 2:35 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.