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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Rabbi Avraham Kagan who is with Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois. Rabbi Kagan is the guest of Representative Moeller. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Rabbi Kagan."

Rabbi Kagan: "Almighty God, look favorably upon the Members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois. Bless these individuals elected by the people in whom faith and confidence has been placed to legislate laws, make decisions that will affect the lives of all citizens of our great state. Let them recognize that this is not only an honor and civil duty but a holy endeavor as well. Jewish tradition tells us of seven universal laws given to mankind by God through Noah, one of which is to create a moral and peaceful civilization governed by law. Almighty God, grant the assembled here awareness of Your presence and this holy mission as they labor to enact just laws. Bless them with health, wisdom, and compassion. (Spoke in Hebrew translated in English) May he who makes peace in heaven, bring peace and compromise upon us. And let us say, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "Led in the Pledge by Representative Stuart."

Stuart - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the excused absences of Representatives Mayfield and Soto."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that all Republicans are present today."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Parkhurst. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. We have 116 Members answering the roll, we do have a quorum. Chair recognizes Mr. Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to take a moment and ask the House of Representative to welcome a group of students from Northwestern University in Evanston. They are in the gallery above the Republicans on my right hand side. And my shadow today was Imani Wilson. Let's welcome them to Springfield today."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Happy to have you here with us. Thank you for joining us in the House chamber. Chair recognizes Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "State your inquiry."

Nekritz: "When you announced who would be leading the Pledge, was that Representative Brian Stewart or Representative Katie Stuart 'cause there's a dispute going on in the back here about it?"

Speaker Lang: "That's a very good point. Very good point. The Chair will try not to make that mistake in the future."

Nekritz: "No, but we need to know which one you were thinking of right now."

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Speaker Lang: "It was Representative Katie Stuart. Who won the bet?"

Nekritz: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Mr. Ford is recognized."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "What bet did you make, Sir?"

Ford: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker, yesterday during the debate of the Rules Resolution, there were some remarks made that I found to be very offensive to the people that struggled in the Civil Rights Movement. So, if we could just get a little order so that I can make it known."

Speaker Lang: "Please give Mr. Ford your attention, Ladies and Gentlemen."

Ford: "The Spokesperson on the other side yesterday said that 'there are many Leaders in the chamber of very noble causes' but he also moved on to say 'minority rights, equality to name but two, I would just ask that those that are passionate about those two, to remember this vote.' Now I think that's very offensive when we talk about black people in America have to struggle for the 13th Amendment, the 14th Amendment, Jim Crow, New Jim Crow, and to associate the rules of this Body with our struggle is offensive and you deserve... and we deserve an apology."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Ford. Chair recognizes Representative Hammond. For what reason do you rise?"

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

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Hammond: "Along with Representative C.D. Davidsmeyer and myself, we would like to welcome a group of students from Virginia and Meredocia-Chambersburg High School that are joining us in Room 114 today for the State of the State Address. If everyone would give them a warm, Springfield welcome, I'd appreciate it."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield. Thank you very much for being here with us. Mr. Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Butler: "I would like to welcome a couple constituents from the 87th District. My good friend, the superintendent of the Tremont Schools, Jeff Hinman and a student from Tremont, a senior at Tremont High School, James Glasgow. They are in the Speaker's Gallery. Welcome and thank you for being here today."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Butler. Happy you're with us. Mr. Ford, once again, Sir."

Ford: "I spoke with the Minority Spokesperson and he corrected me and it wasn't him. It was another member on the Republican side, Representative Wehrli. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bennet is recognized. For what reason do you rise?"

Bennett: "Morning, Sir. For a point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Bennett: "Thank you very much. In our gallery today are four people from my district that I'd like to recognize. They are Chase McCall, Chris Linden, David Littlefield and Angel

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Crawford. So, if you would, please help give them a warm, Springfield welcome, please."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you."

Bennett: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Glad you're with us. Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Davidsmeyer: "I would like to have the entire General Assembly welcome a good friend of mine from Pike and Scott County Farm Bureau, Blake Roderick. Art Turner is one of our adopted Legislators for Scott County and we always have a good time at the annual meeting together. So, just wanted to welcome him. Give him a warm, Springfield welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Lot of people here with us today. We're glad you're here. Representative Jimenez is recognized."

Jimenez: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Jimenez: "I would like to welcome to the chamber today the Mayor of Springfield, Jim Langfelder. If the Members could give him a warm welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you for being with us, Mayor. Mr. Long is recognized."

Long: "Thank you Speaker for the point of preference."

Speaker Lang: "Go..."

Long: "I'd like to welcome a friend of mine from my district, Inga Carus. She's in the gallery."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Welcome. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 48, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 49, offered by Representative David Harris. House Resolution 51, offered by Representative Fortner. And House Resolution 52, offered by Representative Mah."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Chair recognizes Representative Mah."

Mah: "Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

Mah: "I speak today to ask for support for the Resolution which was just called which recognizes and honors Fred Korematsu, an Asian American civil rights leader, who stood up against the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. He believed strongly that the imprisonment of Japanese Americans, including almost 70 thousand U.S. citizens, was wrong, and he defied orders to submit to imprisonment and took his case all the way to the Supreme Court. At the time, the court shamefully upheld the decision to imprison him along with 120 thousand other Japanese Americans. In 1983 his conviction was overturned and in 1988, those incarcerated under Executive Order 9066 received a formal apology from the U.S. Government. Throughout his life, Korematsu spoke out against racial discrimination, defended the voiceless and vulnerable, and worked in solidarity with groups denied civil... their civil rights and civil liberties, such as Muslim Americans after 9/11. If he were alive today, he would be speaking out vociferously against the idea of a Muslim

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registry, and he would be a strong champion for those being scapegoated and singled out because of unfounded threats to our security, namely immigrants and refugees. Today more than ever, we need to be reminded of the mistakes of the past so that we remain vigilant about the need to uphold civil rights, human rights, and in the U.S. especially, do what we must do to protect our civil liberties. I ask for your support in this Resolution to honor Fred Korematsu because... because it is critical to know our history. We must recognize those who had the courage to take a stand for what's right when it was not easy to do so. It is my hope that by honoring Fred Korematsu, more will be inspired to stand up to do what's right. And I would ask that everyone in the chamber be added as a cosponsor to this Resolution."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves on HR52 that all Members of the House be added as cosponsors. Is there leave? Leave is granted and that will be done. Thank you, Representative. Chair recognizes Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Ives: "Today in the gallery, we have Warren Dixon, the Naperville Township Assessor. I'd like to welcome him. He's served on the Governor's Consolidation Task Force and he did a wonderful job there and actually helped author much of the provisions that came out in that report. Welcome, Warren."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you for joining us today in the House chamber. Attention. Members of the House will be in

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their... be standing at their seats for the next item. Chair recognizes Mr. Cabello."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "We'll have silence in the chamber, please."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I rise to hopefully take a moment of silence for Officer Raymond Murrell from the Boling... Excuse me, the Bloomingdale Police Department who passed away on January 19. Just 27 years old, this officer had only been on the department for less than a year and already received a lifesaving award and was labelled as a shining star. This man took the solemn oath of protecting our communities and saving lives. Today he's being laid to rest and I would ask that we keep his family, and all of our law enforcement community in our thoughts and prayers, for they do a nearly impossible job. Unapologic... unapologetically, doing things and seeing things that no human being should ever see. To his family, thank you for sharing him. It's not going to be easy for you but please remember that that man touched many lives in a short period as an officer, changed many lives. We have a very difficult job and I would hope that this Body could understand, we don't do it for thanks. We don't do it for any type of gratitude. We do it because it's right. We do it because it's honorable. And we do it because we love our families and our communities. I would requestfully ask for a moment of silence."

Speaker Lang: "The Body will have a moment of silence. Thank you, Members. Mr. Cabello, thank you very much. Speaker Madigan in the Chair."



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Speaker Madigan: "The regular Session will stand in recess. Would the Members please take their seats? Would the Members please take their seats? Ladies and Gentlemen, please take your seats. The Doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Honorable President Cullerton and Members of the Senate are at the door and seek admission to the chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper, please admit the Honorable Senators. As designated in House Joint Resolution 7, the hour of twelve noon having arrived, the Joint Session of the 100th General Assembly will now come to order. Will the Members of the House and our guests from the Senate please take their seats? Mr. Clerk, is a quorum of the House present?"

Clerk Bolin: "A quorum of the House is present."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. President, is a quorum of the Senate present in this chamber?"

President Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A quorum of the Senate is present."

Speaker Madigan: "There being a quorum of the House and a quorum of the Senate in attendance, this Joint Session is convened. Would the Members please take their seats? Would the Members please take their seats? We'd like to announce some distinguished guests who have joined us today. Would we please welcome Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti, Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Secretary of State Jesse White, Comptrols... Comptroller Susana Mendoza, the Treasurer Michael Frerichs, and the Chief of Staff to Governor Rauner, Richard Goldberg. Chair recognizes the Majority Leader, Representative Currie."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the adoption of Joint Session Resolution 1."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read Joint Session Resolution 1."

Clerk Bolin: "Joint Session Resolution #1.

RESOLVED, That a committee of ten be appointed, five from the House, by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate, by the President of the Senate, to wait upon Governor Bruce Rauner and invite him to address the Joint Assembly."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie has moved for the adoption of the Resolution. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to the Resolution, the following are appointed as a Committee to escort the Governor. The appointments from the House will be Representative Sue Scherer, Representative Thaddeus Jones, Representative Lisa Hernandez, Representative Ryan Spain, Representative Nick Sauer. President Cullerton."

President Cullerton: "The appointments from the Senate are Senator Omar Aquino, Senator Cristina Castro, Senator Laura Murphy, Senator Tom Rooney, Senator Dale Fowler."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escorts please convene at the rear of the chamber and await the Governor. The Doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Governor of the State of Illinois, Bruce Rauner, and his party wish to be admitted to this chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper, please admit the Governor."

Governor Rauner: "Thank you very, very much. I want to say welcome to our guests in the gallery and welcome to our members of

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the media. Thank you for joining us today and good afternoon to everyone here. It's an honor to be with you. President Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, Leader Radogno, Leader Durkin, Lieutenant Governor Sanguinetti, Attorney General Madigan, Secretary White, Comptroller Mendoza, Treasurer Frerichs, and all of you, Members of the General Assembly. Ladies and Gentlemen, it's an honor to stand with you today to discuss the state of our State. Despite the problems and uncertainties we face, I am deeply optimistic about the future of our beloved Illinois. We have big challenges and like many of you, I'm frustrated by the slow pace of change here in Springfield. But with great challenge comes great opportunity. By working together, we can overcome any obstacle. We have the best people and the best location of any state in America. Through bipartisan cooperation, Illinois can once again be the economic engine of the Midwest and the home of innovation and prosperity for everyone. Two years ago, when our administration came into office, we set about to return Illinois to a state of growth and opportunity. We knew that we could not simply tax our way out of our fiscal problems. We needed to grow; we needed to fix a broken system. We needed to make Illinois more welcoming to job creators, to restore confidence in government, and to ensure that all of our children could receive a high quality education and job training so they could obtain high paying careers here at home. Given those realities, we set key goals for our administration. First, make Illinois the most ethical and efficient state in the nation. Second, invest in education so that Illinois has the best schools and vocational training in

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every neighborhood and in every community. And most importantly, make our state more competitive, more attractive to job creators, to grow our economy and bring more good paying jobs to our state. Now, working together, we've begun to accomplish these goals, but there's so much that remains to be done. Inside government, over the past two years, we've made great strides in ethics reform. We closed the revolving door on Executive Branch employees leaving government to become administration lobbyists. We tightened the gift ban loopholes that lobbyists and contractors use to influence regulators and win favor with decision makers. We increased transparency, so that any resident of the state can now go online and review state spending on contracts and at-will hires. We required more comprehensive economic interest statements so we could all see who was being paid, and by whom. And we cleaned up the hiring mess we inherited at IDOT and we're working cooperatively with Michael Shakman to strengthen state hiring rules even more. We're modernizing and streamlining State Government, and building toward a higher level of transparency through our new Department of Innovation and Technology. In the last year, the Department has protected more than 5 billion records of Illinois residents that were previously left unsecured and unencrypted and we're moving millions of pieces of paper out of file cabinets and into the digital age. Kirk Lonbom leads our cybersecurity efforts at DoIt, our Department of Innovation and Technology. He's working around the clock, along with his teammates, to ensure that our efforts are successful and state records are secure. He's here today. Let's give him a hand.

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Thank you. We've cut red tape and made it easier for constituents to interact with State Government. We're moving to a digital application process for professional licenses and reducing processing times by 70 percent. We're cutting paper and postage costs through online license renewal notifications, saving money and more than 16 thousand hours of work every year. Richard Morris works for the Department of Financial & Professional Regulation and has been a leader in our transformation to online licensing. Working across agency lines and with professional associations outside of government, he has put the time and effort in with the right people, at the right level, at the right time to make this initiative a success. He's here with us today. Let's all give him a hand for his service to our state. Thank you. Thank you. We're transforming State Government to benefit our people and our taxpayers. We appreciate it. We're using technology and innovation to stop fraud and abuse everywhere we can. We're already saving taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars inside Medicaid alone. And we're working together; we enacted historic reforms to crack down on unemployment insurance fraud as well. We signed innovative new contracts now with 20 of our State Government unions to drive more value for taxpayers, by paying more for productivity and high performance rather than just seniority; by starting overtime pay after 40 hours rather than just 37.5; by adding greater flexibility in the workplace; and we've laid the groundwork for allowing volunteers to work at our state parks and health facilities. These are all commonsense changes that are good for employees and taxpayers alike. We formed a bipartisan

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task force led by Lt. Gov. Sanguinetti, thank you, to recommend ways we can reduce the cost of our bloated bureaucracy across the state, our worst in the nation 7 thousand units of local government. Every dollar we can save in reducing bureaucracy is a dollar we can invest in education and human services, along with reducing our highest in the nation property taxes. The task force has made 27 recommendations that we can implement together, all of us in this room together, through legislation to save hundreds of millions of dollars. The communities of Grayslake and Hainesville are leading by example. They've saved \$500 thousand per year through sharing services while providing more support to their local police. Grayslake Mayor Rhett Taylor is with us today. Let's give him a round of applause for his service and for setting an example for all of us to follow. Thank you. We've worked hard to change our broken political system and restore competitive General Elections in our state. We encouraged, many of us in this room encouraged the people of Illinois to put more than one million signatures on petitions to get term limits and fair maps on the ballot. Unfortunately, our judges, who themselves are elected through our state political process, decided that a million signatures weren't enough. They decided that only you, each of you, the Members of the General Assembly, could pass the necessary legislation to enable the voters to have their say. I ask you today, on behalf of all the people of Illinois, Democrats and Republicans, please do the right thing. Pass the Bills to put term limits and fair maps on the ballot. Let the people of Illinois decide these issues for themselves.

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Let them have the ability to vote on these issues. End the power of incumbency and special interest groups, and give power back to the people of our state. Illinois turns 200 in 2018. What better time to give us a brighter next 200 years than by bringing greater integrity to our political system? When it comes to providing a better future for the people of Illinois, nothing we do together is more important than educating our young people. We all want our children to be able to stay here in Illinois with good paying jobs. We want employers to come to Illinois because we have the best people. So our administration has made education from cradle to career top priority. Two years ago we delivered, together with you, unprecedented funding for our K-12 schools, and the next year we came back and did it again. In all, our kids are receiving more than \$700 million more per year, our kids and our teachers, \$700 million more per year than two years ago, including an extra \$100 million more for early childhood education. Thank you. This practice... this terrible practice of proration has come to an end. We formed a bipartisan task force to recommend changes to the unbalanced way our K-12 public schools are funded. For years and years Illinois has provided the lowest percentage of education financial support from any state in the country. This is wrong. I personally believe this is immoral. It denies the American dream to low-income kids. We have the largest gap between funding for high-income schools and low-income schools of any state in the country. This is wrong. We have to end that both across the state and within... within the City of Chicago. The task force expects to finish their work in the coming weeks, and we look

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forward to working on a bipartisan basis to implement their recommendations. We created the Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth, bringing together all state agencies that serve our children to ensure that Illinois's young people are healthy, safe, well-educated and on the road to becoming self-sufficient. The commitment, cooperation and effective problem solving among these agencies involved is extraordinary. I'm so proud of their work. In partnership with external partners in the private sector, they will make Illinois a better place for all of our children. They're working with the Illinois State Board of Education, the local high schools, our community colleges and local employers. Our youth Cabinet is striving to expand vocational training and technical apprenticeship programs for all of our high school students while they are in high school, so each of them has a clear path to an attractive career. Another critical initiative of the Children's Cabinet is reducing young children's exposure to lead. We put this at the top of the Cabinet's priority list from day one when we formed them last year. We're proud to recognize Jen Walling from the Illinois Environmental Council, who's working with us on this effort, and she's here today. Jen, thank you for your work. On Martin Luther King Day, all of us, Democrats and Republicans, stood together in signing a Bill that requires all schools and day care centers to test their drinking water regularly, and inform parents of the results. Dr. King spoke about the threat of lead poisoning in 1966, so it's particularly appropriate that we were able to sign that important piece of legislation on his birthday. Reducing lead... Thank you. It's all good. Thank you. Thank



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you. Reducing lead exposure, which disproportionately affects low-income children and children of color, is a social justice issue. So, too, is ensuring that we provide a means for those in our criminal justice system to rehabilitate themselves and return to productive lives. Everybody deserves a second chance. We are a state of compassion and forgiveness. Everybody deserves a second chance. Over the past two years our administration has worked to reform our criminal justice system, reduce recidivism and address underlying behavioral and mental health issues for those in our systems of care, in order to keep our communities safer and more compassionate. We're making great strides in implementing initial recommendations from our Commission on Criminal Justice Reform, helping nonviolent ex-offenders get back on their feet and giving them meaningful skills to find employment. We're turning around the Department of Children and Family Services. It is so critical that they provide their services well and it's been a deeply troubled agency as we all know for a long time. We're making strides. It's hard, but we're making strides. We've safely reduced the juvenile justice population by 49 percent. We've shuttered the outdated roundhouse at Stateville Prison while repurposing two other facilities in Murphysboro and Kewanee as life skill centers to help nonviolent offenders return to the work force more effectively. Thank you. Sadly, very unfortunately, our progress in reducing nonviolent crime is being overshadowed by the skyrocketing rate of violence in Chicago. The violence occurring in Chicago every day is intolerable. We cannot let it continue. We've got to bring it to an end. Violence experts

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say there's no single cause and no single solution, but with the right mix of policies, with a joint commitment between the city, the county, the state and the Federal Government, we can and must find solutions to curb the violence. At the Illinois State Police, we're providing the Chicago Police Department with a wide range of resources, and we stand ready to do more wherever and whenever called upon. Our troopers have already surged to counter the violence that's spilled over on to our expressways and we're committed to hiring more State Police officers to help patrol Chicago expressways, and other high violence areas. Now, law enforcement plays a critical role in violence reduction, but in the end, it's a treatment, it's not a cure. Addressing the roots of this plague will take much more. To restore hope where hope has been lost, to build a long-term future of quality education and good jobs for communities that need it the most, most important thing we can do for the long-term. Tearing down the barriers to good jobs and economic opportunity. Getting rid of blight and incentivizing redevelopment. Making sure both the state and Chicago Public Schools itself, treat low-income kids the same as high-income kids. Giving parents more choices and support to give their kids a world class education. Putting vocational training back into our high schools so young people, all young people in every neighborhood, whether they want to go to college or not, all young people can see a clear path to a career rather than falling victim to the gang recruiters. As my good friend Reverend Marshall Hatch has said, nothing stops a bullet like a job. That is so true. And so we're building on opportunity in every community,

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focused on more opportunity, so that every resident of Illinois can share in the American dream. We have got to get jobs into our neighborhoods, not just certain areas, everywhere. Everywhere in every neighborhood. That's the single greatest priority we have, growing more good paying jobs everywhere in Illinois. Now to do that, improving transportation is critical to our goal of growing more jobs across the state. We've advanced critical transportation projects to improve the quality of life for residents, and attract new families and businesses. We rebuilt 62 miles of Interstate 90 between Rockford and Chicago, replaced or rehabilitated 100 bridges along the way. We expanded the I-57/70 corridor in Effingham and completed a new flyover ramp connecting the Dan Ryan and the Eisenhower Expressways in Chicago. And here's an important one, with your approval, we need your help, we need your authorization, with your approval here in the General Assembly, we're hoping to create a public-private partnership to create a new managed lane on I-55 paid for by private investors, not taxpayers. The project will create thousands of construction jobs, expand the quality of life for our commuters, and support faster economic growth throughout the region. I hope we can do this together. It'll make a big difference. We created a partnership that draws upon the wisdom and experience of our state's top business executives to recruit employers, job creators. We call it Intersect Illinois. It includes people like Sheila Morgan of the Minority Supplier Development Council; Inga Carus, a 30-year environmental business leader and Chairman of the Peru, Illinois Carus Group; Jim Wong a CEO and business entrepreneur

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with more than 20 years' experience; and the Chairman Jim Schultz, a fifth generation Illinoisan and agribusiness entrepreneur. Working together, they're trying to bring hope and opportunity across our entire state. Sheila, Inga and Jim Wong are here today; let's thank them for their service to our state. Thank you for your work. Thank you. They've already been successful in recruiting employers like Amazon to expand here in Illinois. Amazon's committed to bringing 7 thousand new jobs across Illinois, thousands and thousands across the state not just in one region. It's a big deal and we're in good talks with more employers. They'd like to see us make changes, but they're ready to come. Working with you, in the General Assembly, we were also able to save jobs in the Quad Cities and in Clinton by passing legislation that ensured energy plants there stayed open. That was a big deal. Thank you. Thank you for all of you in the room. We protected families and job creators by putting caps... caps on business and residential energy rates. That was critical. At the same time, we were able to advance green energy by improving our Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard that will lead to billions of dollars in private investment in wind and solar energy here. Big deal. Thank you. Jeff Wrage and his wife Stephanie live in Clinton with their daughters, eight-year-old Halle and six-year-old Maesie. They're here with us. Jeff works as a chemistry technician at the plant. Stephanie is an IT analyst for State Farm and their daughters attend Clinton Public Schools. They were understandably nervous about the potential plant closing and elated when we successfully passed the Future Energy Jobs Bill. The Wrage family is here

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today; we can all be thankful they'll be here and Illinois residents for many years to come. Thank you. Thanks for coming. But this is just a start. Illinois is home to some of the greatest research universities in the world. Working in partnership, we have the potential, and I'm personally 100 percent committed to this, we have the potential to create a technology and innovation center here in Illinois, here in the Midwest, that can rival Silicon Valley or North Carolina's Research Triangle, creating tens of thousands of high paying jobs. We can recruit companies who are drawn to our great transportation system, our natural resources and our Midwestern work ethic and quality of life. Working together, we can accomplish this kind of growth and opportunity. It is totally within our ability to achieve if we do it together. Critical to our success in doing this is helping our world-class research universities like the U of I and SIU, both of which are world class research, got to extend their footprint in Illinois, form alliances with other great research institutions like the University of Chicago and Northwestern, and significantly expand their efforts in research and innovation. Our goal can be for our great research universities to drive the same stunning level, actually shocking level, of company formation, entrepreneurship, innovation and wealth creation that Harvard and MIT have done for New England and Stanford and Berkley have done for California. We can do this. We can help the U of I, we can help SIU, we can help others expand their research capability and drive company formation and job creation at an incredible, exciting rate. Together, we can get it done. A few months ago

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I met a native son of Illinois, Sam Yagan, who has moved his family back to Illinois after many years of success in Silicon Valley. He created a very successful, high tech company in Silicon Valley but he wanted to be in Illinois. He loves Illinois. He came back because this is home. He loves it here, he loves the people, our values, the quality of life in our great state. He's working to make the next great tech success story right here in Illinois. In fact, he's trying to buy a tech company in Silicon Valley and bring it, move it back to Illinois. I know how he feels. I know you do too. We love this state, the people here, and our way of life. This is our home, and we'll never give up trying to make it better. I hope to introduce you to Sam. Sam was hoping to come, but he's stuck out there on the deal in California but he's coming. I hope you can meet him. We were talking about how we're going to do this together. Now, clearly we're excited about the achievements we've made, and the unlimited opportunities open to us, but we still face significant challenges. We haven't had a full year budget of some kind in a year and a half and we haven't had a state budget that is truly balanced in decades. We have more than 11 billion in unpaid bills, a \$130 billion unfunded pension liability, the worst credit rating in the nation, and we already have the fifth highest overall tax burden and one of the lowest rates of job creation of any state. And these problems aren't new. They didn't just happen the last 18 months. They've been building up for many years as past Governors and General Assemblies, both political Parties, kicked the can down the road to avoid making tough decisions. Years of irresponsible

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borrowing and deficit spending have been devastating to human service organizations that assist children, senior citizens, people with behavioral health issues and disabilities, and other of our most vulnerable residents. It has caused student and faculty departures at our colleges and universities. Decades of undisciplined spending and uncompetitive regulations and taxes have made employers hesitant about coming or staying in Illinois, limiting job opportunities across the state. We're seeing the collective impact of these realities from Carbondale to Chicago, from East St. Louis to Danville. Families and employers are leaving. Not for profit service agencies and small businesses are cutting staff and services. And here's the critical point. We are failing to be compassionate because we are failing to be competitive. These problems aren't new, but these problems are now ours to solve. We can, and we must, do better. We know that much in our state has been broken for many years, but we know, too, that there's a way forward. There is a path to a better future for all Illinois families. All of us, on both sides of the aisle, President Cullerton, Leader Radogno, Speaker Madigan and Leader Durkin, we all agree that we must have a truly balanced budget and we must make changes to our broken system to return our state to a path of prosperity. I would like you to listen to some recent quotes that have been in the press that I've noticed. First quote, What's going on is not good for the state. The only way we can solve our problems is in a bipartisan fashion. To break the impasse, both sides must respect each other's priorities. That means negotiate, compromise. We should focus on working together and finding

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common ground to address the issues facing our state. Those statements were made by Leader Radogno, President Cullerton, Leader Durkin and Speaker Madigan. I strongly agree with every single one of them. Now, let's get it done. Our state's economy could take off like a rocketship, if we could just come together on major pro jobs changes that need legislation to take effect. Lawmakers from both Parties deserve credit for working for many months to find ways to reduce regulatory costs and property tax burdens that make businesses in Illinois less competitive than our neighbors. Hopefully, we can build on these initial proposals to ensure they drive big results on job creation. And hopefully, we can work together to cut the red tape even more, reducing filing fees and costly licensing barriers that prevent hard working Illinoisans from qualifying for good, high paying jobs. When it comes to the budget, we all can agree Illinois has to do something different. Our administration has offered many proposals to achieve a truly balanced budget with changes that fundamentally fix our broken system. We must remember... this is critical, I asked... we've got to remember, to keep budgets balanced in the future, our rate of economic growth has be higher than our rate of government spending growth. It's simple math. That's just the truth. We have got to grow our economy. We've got to be more competitive if we're going to have balanced budgets. Changes to the workers' compensation system to prevent misuse and abuse, attract employers and good jobs. Property tax relief to reduce the immense burden felt by our families and businesses, to give them reason to stay here in Illinois. Term limits and fair maps,



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redistricting reform, where voters can pick their Representatives, not the other way around, in order to restore the confidence of job creators and working families in our state. We've offered these proposals to drive the change that we all know is necessary. It's heartening to see the Senate coming together on a bipartisan basis to acknowledge these changes are needed. Let's build on that cooperation to achieve a truly balanced budget and changes that really move the needle on job creation and property tax relief. Now let me take a second, off the script for just a second. I would personally... I would personally like to thank the Senators here today: the President, Leaders. Thank you... thank you for working so hard to try to come together on a bipartisan basis to find a compromise to get a truly balanced budget with changes to the system, to help job creators and protect taxpayers. We all know this is very, very difficult. There's a lot of arrows. Please don't give up. Please keep working. Please keep trying. The people of Illinois need you to succeed. Thank you for your efforts. Our aim to have the most ethical and efficient government in the nation, the best schools in every community, and good jobs for all of our residents, these goals are all within our reach. All of us are here to build a better future for families across Illinois. To build a future where our economy booms and job creation soars. Where states around America watch with amazement as Illinois takes the lead in innovation, job growth and economic opportunity. Where people around the country say to themselves, you know what, we want to live in Illinois. That's where we want to build a business, that's where we

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want to start a family, that's where we can achieve the American dream. It's a future where our schools are the envy of the world. Where every child from every background gets the same, high quality education, from cradle to career, to get on the path to wealth, prosperity and a high quality of life. It's a future where our budgets are balanced for decades to come, where our credit ratings rise as our pension liabilities drop, where our economy grows faster than government spending, where taxpayers are treated with respect and their government squeezes every penny to go the extra mile. We've been at the bottom for far, far too long. It's time we race to the top. To lead the nation in job creation. To lead the nation in education funding and outcomes. To lead the nation in ethics and accountability. To lead the nation in poverty alleviation and violence reduction. We've made important gains in government efficiency and economic development these last two years. Now, let's work together to make Illinois more competitive, so we can realize a better future of jobs and opportunity for all. And yes, we've made important gains in education support these last two years. Now let's work together to ensure that every child, in every neighborhood, in every community, has that opportunity to succeed. To ensure the violence that plagues Chicago and other communities... it's not just Chicago... that violence comes to an end. To give people hope that tomorrow will be better than today. All of us, all of us, Democrats, Republicans, everybody in-between, we all have a moral obligation to work together to bring change. We, together, can return Illinois to a place of hope, opportunity, and prosperity. Illinois's home. All of

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us love it here in our home. Ultimately, we all want the same things for our home: good jobs, strong schools, safe communities. It's just a question of respecting each other's views on how we get there. If we negotiate in good faith, we can move Illinois forward as a state which is both competitive and compassionate. Now, let's work together to get the job done. Thank you all. God bless you, God bless our beloved State of Illinois, and may God continue to bless the United States of America. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escorts please come forward to escort the Governor from the chamber? Committee of Escorts please come forward to escort the Governor from the chamber. The President of the Senate is recognized for a Motion."

President Cullerton: "I move that the Joint Session do now arise."

Speaker Madigan: "The President of the Senate has moved that the Joint Session do now arise. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Joint Session will now arise. The regular Session will come to order."

Speaker Turner: "And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House adjourn until Wednesday, February 8 at the hour of 12 noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House is adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 50, offered by Representative Cabello; House Joint Resolution 13, offered by Representative Mah are referred to the Rules Committee.

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by Representative Batinick, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 661, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 662, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 663, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 664, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning education, which may be referred to as the Child Privacy Act. House Bill 665, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 666, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 667, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 668, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 669, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 670, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 671, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 672, offered by Representative Skillicorn, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 673, offered by Representative Skillicorn, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 674, offered by Representative Cabello, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 675, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 676, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 667 (sic - 677),

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offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 678, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 679, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 680, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 681, offered by Representative Olsen, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 682, offered by Representative Olsen, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 683, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 684, offered by Representative Yingling, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 685, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 686, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 687, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 688, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 689, offered by Representative Guzzardi, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 690, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 691, offered by Representative Mitchell, Bill, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 692, offered by Representative Olsen, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 693, offered by Representative Martwick, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 694, offered by Representative Martwick, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 695, offered by Representative

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Martwick, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 696, offered by Representative Martwick, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 697, offered by Representative Martwick, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 698, offered by Representative Martwick, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 699, offered by Representative Long, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 700, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 701, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 702, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning women. House Bill 703, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 704, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 705, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 706, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 707, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 708, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 709, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 710, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 711, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 712, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 713, offered by Representative Chapa

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LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 714, offered by Representative Costello, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 715, offered by Representative Costello, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 716, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 717, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 718, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 719, offered by Representative Costello, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 720, offered by Representative Costello, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 721, offered by Representative Conyears-Ervin, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 722, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 723, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 724, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Bolin: "Introduction and First Reading of Constitutional Amendments. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #16, offered by Representative Batinick.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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 2 of Article VIII of the Illinois Constitution as follows:



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ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE

SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

(a) The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the estimated balance of revenue available for appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of every department, authority, public corporation and quasi-public corporation of the State, every State college and university, and every other public agency created by the State, but not of units of local government or school districts. The budget shall also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of the State and such other information as may be required by law. Proposed expenditures shall not exceed revenue estimated to be available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget. "Revenue" means receipts from taxes and fees; "revenue" does not include incurring debt, refinancing existing debt, or fund sweeps.

(b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State. Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed revenue estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year. Except for deficiency or emergency appropriations, all appropriations are expendable only during the fiscal year for which they were appropriated. The General Assembly by law may establish an extended period to pay obligations incurred during a fiscal

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year that would otherwise lapse not to exceed six months beyond the end of the fiscal year.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was the First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #16. First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #17, offered by Representative Durkin.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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 3 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

(a) The Independent Redistricting Commission comprising 11 Commissioners shall adopt and file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan for Legislative Districts and Representative Districts by June 30 of the year following each Federal decennial census. Legislative Districts shall be contiguous and substantially equal in population. Representative Districts shall be contiguous and substantially equal in population. The redistricting plan shall comply with Federal law. Subject to the foregoing, the

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Commission shall apply the following criteria: (1) the redistricting plan shall not dilute or diminish the ability of a racial or language minority community to elect the candidates of its choice, including when voting in concert with other persons; (2) the redistricting plan shall respect the geographic integrity of units of local government; and (3) the redistricting plan shall respect the geographic integrity of communities sharing common social and economic interests, which do not include relationships with political parties or candidates for office. The redistricting plan shall not either intentionally or unduly discriminate against or intentionally or unduly favor any political party, political group, or particular person. In designing the redistricting plan, the Commission shall consider party registration and voting history data only to assess compliance with the requirements in this subsection (a).

(b) For the purpose of conducting the Commissioner selection process, an Applicant Review Panel comprising three Reviewers shall be chosen in the manner set forth in this subsection (b). Beginning not later than January 1 and ending not later than March 1 of the year in which the Federal decennial census occurs, the Auditor General shall request and accept applications to serve as a Reviewer. The Auditor General shall review all applications and select a pool of 30 potential Reviewers. The Auditor General should select applicants for the pool of potential Reviewers who would operate in an ethical and non-partisan manner by considering whether each applicant is a resident and registered voter of the State and has been for the four years preceding his or her application,

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has demonstrated understanding of and adherence to standards of ethical conduct, and has been unaffiliated with any political party for the three years preceding appointment. By March 31 of the year in which the Federal decennial census occurs, the Auditor General shall publicly select by random draw the Panel of three Reviewers from the pool of potential Reviewers.

(c) Beginning not later than January 1 and ending not later than March 1 of the year in which the Federal decennial census occurs, the Auditor General shall request and accept applications to serve as a Commissioner on the Independent Redistricting Commission. By May 31, the Panel shall select a pool of 100 potential Commissioners. The Panel should select applicants for the pool of potential Commissioners who would be diverse and unaffected by conflicts of interest by considering whether each applicant is a resident and registered voter of the State and has been for the four years preceding his or her application, as well as each applicant's prior political experience, relevant analytical skills, ability to contribute to a fair redistricting process, and ability to represent the demographic and geographic diversity of the State. The Panel shall act by affirmative vote of two Reviewers. All records of the Panel, including applications to serve on the Panel, shall be open for public inspection, except private information about applicants for which there is no compelling public interest in disclosure.

(d) Within 45 days after the Panel has selected the pool of 100 potential Commissioners, but not later than June 23 of the year in which the Federal decennial census occurs, the

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Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the President and Minority Leader of the Senate each may remove up to five of those potential Commissioners. Thereafter, but not later than June 30, the Panel shall publicly select seven Commissioners by random draw from the remaining pool of potential Commissioners; of those seven Commissioners, including any replacements, (1) the seven Commissioners shall reside among the Judicial Districts in the same proportion as the number of Judges elected therefrom under Section 3 of Article VI of this Constitution, (2) two Commissioners shall be affiliated with the political party whose candidate for Governor received the most votes cast in the last general election for Governor, two Commissioners shall be affiliated with the political party whose candidate for Governor received the second-most votes cast in such election and the remaining three Commissioners shall not be affiliated with either such political party, and (3) no more than two Commissioners may be affiliated with the same political party. The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the President and Minority Leader of the Senate each shall appoint one Commissioner from among the remaining applicants in the pool of potential Commissioners on the basis of the appointee's contribution to the demographic and geographic diversity of the Commission. A vacancy on the Panel or Commission shall be filled within five days by a potential Reviewer or potential Commissioner from among the applicants remaining in the pool of potential Reviewers or potential Commissioners, respectively, in the manner in which the office was previously filled.

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(e) The Commission shall act in public meetings by affirmative vote of six Commissioners, except that approval of any redistricting plan shall require the affirmative vote of at least (1) seven Commissioners total, (2) two Commissioners from each political party whose candidate for Governor received the most and second-most votes cast in the last general election for Governor, and (3) two Commissioners not affiliated with either such political party. The Commission shall elect its chairperson and vice chairperson, who shall not be affiliated with the same political party. Six Commissioners shall constitute a quorum. All meetings of the Commission attended by a quorum, except for meetings qualified under attorney-client privilege, shall be open to the public and publicly noticed at least two days prior to the meeting. All records of the Commission, including communications between Commissioners regarding the Commission's work, shall be open for public inspection, except for records qualified under attorney-client privilege. The Commission shall adopt rules governing its procedure, public hearings, and the implementation of matters under this Section. The Commission shall hold public hearings throughout the State both before and after releasing the initial proposed redistricting plan. The Commission may not adopt a final redistricting plan unless the plan to be adopted without further amendment, and a report explaining its compliance with this Constitution, have been publicly noticed at least seven days before the final vote on such plan.

(f) If the Commission fails to adopt and file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan by June 30 of the

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year following a Federal decennial census, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the most senior Judge of the Supreme Court who is not affiliated with the same political party as the Chief Justice shall appoint jointly by July 31 a Special Commissioner for Redistricting. The Special Commissioner shall adopt and file with the Secretary of State by August 31 a redistricting plan satisfying the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this Section and a report explaining its compliance with this Constitution. The Special Commissioner shall hold at least one public hearing in the State before releasing his or her initial proposed redistricting plan and at least one public hearing in a different location in the State after releasing his or her initial proposed redistricting plan, and before filing the final redistricting plan with the Secretary of State. All records of the Special Commissioner shall be open for public inspection, except for records qualified under attorney-client privilege.

(g) An adopted redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State.

(h) The Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction in cases relating to matters under this Section.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect beginning with redistricting in 2021 and applies to the election of members of the General Assembly in 2022 and thereafter. This has been the First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #17. There being no further

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business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand  
adjourned."