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Clerk O'Brien: "The hour being 12:00 noon the House of Representatives is convened. The House will stand in recess until call of the chair."

Speaker Ryan: "Now the House will be in order and we will have the prayer by Clerk Tony Leone."

Clerk Leone: "In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God bless the House of Representatives and all those who work and serve here. Amen."

Speaker Ryan: "Pledge by Assistant Clerk Jack O'Brien. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills."

Clerk Leone: "House Bill 201, Deuster. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 202, Huskey - Steczo. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Fran..Franchi...Franchise Disclosure Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 203, Hallock - Woodyard. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Minimum Wage Law. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 204, Bradley. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Revenue Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 205, Vinson - Pullen. A Bill for an Act to repeal the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 206, Pierce et al. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Revenue Act. First Reading of the Bill. House 207, Pierce - Redmond et al. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Revenue Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 208, Balanoff. A Bill for an Act in relation to ship.. to relocation of certain industrial and commercial operations. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 209, Giglio et al. A Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 210, Schuneman. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the

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Workmen's Compensation Act. First Reading of the Bill.  
House Bill 211, Vinson. A Bill for an Act relating to the  
Election of Municipal Officers in the city of Chicago.  
First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 212, Preston. A  
Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Pension  
Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 213, Preston.  
A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Pension  
Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 214, Preston.  
A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Pension  
Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 215, Preston.  
A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Pension  
Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 216, Preston.  
A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Pension  
Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 217, Hallock  
- Ropp - Ackerman - Birkinbine. A Bill for an Act relating  
to debts owed to and by the State of Illinois. First  
Reading of the Bill. House Bill 218, Dwight Friedrich. A  
Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Pension Code.  
First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 219, Ropp. A Bill  
for an Act to amend Sections of the Snowmobile Registration  
and Safety Act. First Reading of the Bill. Constitutional  
Amendments, First Reading. House Joint Resolution  
Constitutional Amendment #1, Catania - Matijevich. Whereas  
the 92nd Congress of the United States of America and in  
its 2nd Session in both Houses by the Constitutional  
Majority of two-thirds thereof adopted the following  
proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States  
of America. Joint Resolution resolved by the House of  
Representatives, the Senate of the United States of  
America, and Congress assembled two-thirds of each House  
concurring therein that the following Article be proposed  
as an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States  
and shall be valid to the intent and purpose as the parts

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of the Constitution when ratified by the Legislators of three-fourths of several states within seven years from the date of its submission by Congress. Section 1, Equality of Rights under law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex. Section 2, Congress shall have the power to enforce and appropriate legislation of provisions of this Article. Section 3, this Amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification and whereas the time limit of ratification of the proposed Amendment by the Legislatures of the requested number of states has not been...has been extended to June 30, 1982 by Joint Resolution of the 95th Congress of the United State of America. Therefore be it resolved by the House of Representatives the 82nd General Assembly, the State of Illinois that the Senate concurring herein that such proposition Amendments..such proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be in the same as hereby ratified and be it further resolved that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the State of Illinois, to the Administrator of General Services of the United States, to the President pro temp of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress of the United States and to each Senator and Representative of the Illinois in the Congress of the United States. First Reading of this Constitutional Amendment. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 2, Bullock - Daniels - Davis - Mautino. Resolved by the House of Representatives of the 82nd General Assembly, the State of Illinois the Senate concurring herein that there should be submitted to the electors of the state for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least six months after the adoption of this Resolution. A proposition to amend

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Section 4 of Article 9 of the Constitution to read as follows: Article 9 Section 4. Real property taxation. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, taxes upon real property shall be levied uniformly by evaluation as obtained as the General Assembly shall provide by law. Subject to such limitations as the General Assembly may thereafter prescribe by law. Counties with the population of more than 200,000 may classify or continue to classify real property for purposes of taxation. Any such classification shall be reasonable and assessments shall be uniformed within any class. The level of assessment or the rate of tax of the highest class in each count shall not exceed 2 1/2 times the level assessment rate of tax of the lowest class of that county. Real property used in forming a county shall assessed at a higher level of assessment than single family residential real property in that county. Any depreciation in the value of real estate occasioned by a public easement may be conducted in assessing such property. The General Assembly may, by law, authorize counties to suspend or abate taxes upon real property. Rehabilitation growth incentive option. Any home rule municipality may designate certain specific areas within its boundaries in which the real property is to be taxed on the basis of sight value without regard to the value of improvements thereon. The tax rebates of taxing districts applicable to such designated areas shall be adjusted annually to prevent loss of revenue received by such taxing districts from such designated areas. Taxation of designated areas under this option shall continue for twelve years but may be extended without limit as long as any such extensions are for no less than twelve years period scheduled. This Amendment to Section 4 of Article 9 takes effect upon the approval by the electors of this

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state. First Reading of this Constitutional Amendment. Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 3, Pechous. Whereas with each passing year this nation becomes more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available revenues so that public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars, and whereas the annual federal budget continually demonstrates an unwillingness and inability of both the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch of the Federal Government to curtail spending to conform to availability revenues. Whereas unified budgets do not reflect actual spending because some special outlays are not included in the budget nor subject to the legal public debt limit, and whereas knowledgeable planning fiscal prudence in plain good sense require that the budget reflect all federal spending and be in balance, and whereas fiscal irresponsibility at federal level with the inflation which results from this policy is the greatest threat which fears our nation and some action is vital now to impose Constitutional restraints and bring about the fiscal discipline needed to restore financial responsibility, and whereas Article 5 of the Constitution of the United States provides that the application of this Legislature of two-thirds of several states Congress shall call the Constitutional Convention for the purpose of proposing Amendments. Therefore be it resolved by the Representatives of the 82nd General Assembly of the State of Illinois the Senate concurring herein that this Body makes an application to the Congress of the United States to call a Constitutional Convention for specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an Amendment to the Federal Constitution requiring in the absence of a national emergency that the total of all federal applications made by Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of

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all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year. Be it further resolved that the application of Congress made by this Resolution is contingent upon the establishment by Congress within one year after the time two-thirds of the states have made applications on this issue and prior to the convening of such convention of rules and procedures of such limited convention and be it further resolved that this application represents only the will of the 82nd General Assembly of the State of Illinois and shall not be valid beyond the expiration of this General Assembly on January 12, 1983 and resolve that this Body also urges the Legislatures of each of the several states comprising in the United States to ... to Congress requesting the proposing and Amendment to the Constitution or calling for a Constitutional Convention for the purposes set for in this Resolution be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the State, to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of Congress, and Members of the Congressional Delegation from the State of Illinois and the presiding officers of each House of State Legislatures. First Reading of this Constitutional Amendment. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 4, Younge. Resolved by the House of the 82nd General Assembly the State of Illinois the House of Representatives concurring herein that there shall submitted to the electors of this state for adoption or rejection of the general election next occurring at least six months after the adoption of this Resolution a proposition to amend Section 6 Article 9 the Constitution will read as follows: Article 6. Exemptions from property taxation. The General Assembly by law may exempt from taxation only the property of the state, units of local government and school districts, and

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property used exclusively for agricultural and horticultural societies, and for school, religious, cemetery, and charital purposes. The General Assembly by law may grant homestead exemptions for rent credits. The General Assembly by law may authorize any taxing district or school district to provide by ordinance or resolution that any partial to real estate on which commercial or industrial improvements are submitted as totally or partially exempt for any period of time not exceeding ten years from their real property taxes imposed by such taxing district or school district as such property is occupied by the owner who establishes a financial need for property tax relief. Scheduled, this Amendment takes affect upon its adoption by the electors of the state. First Reading of this Constitutional Amendment. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 5, J.J. Wolf. Resolved by the House of Representatives of the 82nd General Assembly the State of Illinois the Senate concurring herein that there shall be submitted through the electors of the state for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least six months after the adoption of this Resolution. The proposition to amend Section 10 of Article 6 of the Constitution will read as follows: Article 6, terms of office. The term of office of the Supreme and Appellate Court Judges and Circuit Court Judges shall be six years and Associate Judges four years. Scheduled. Supreme and Appellate Court Judges elected after the general election at which this Amendment is adopted shall serve for six year terms and Supreme and Appellate Court Judges shall serve on the date of that election or elected at the election shall serve ten year terms as provided before the adoption of this Amendment. First Reading of this Constitutional Amendment. House Joint Resolution

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Constitutional Amendment 6, Leinenweber. Whereas the Constitution of the United States guarantees the right of life and the right the life shall be proclaimed and exists from the moment of conception or fertilization, and whereas the Constitution of the United States provide that upon application of the Legislature of two-thirds of the states the United States Congress shall call a Constitutional Convention for proposing Constitutional Amendments, and whereas millions of abortions have been performed in the United States since the adoption...since the abortion decision of the Supreme Court of January 22, 1973, and whereas the Congress of the United States has not today proposed subject to ratification in the Human Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Therefore be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the 82nd General Assembly the State of Illinois the Senate concurring herein that the General Assembly presented to the authority Article 5 of the Constitution of the United State make application to Congress of the United States for calling a Convention for proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and to provide for any human being subject to the jurisdiction of the United States or any state shall be deemed to be a person from the moment of conception or fertilization, entitled to the right of life guaranteed in the United States Constitution, and to provide the Congress and the several states shall have concurrent powers to enforce such Amendment by appropriate legislation, and be it further resolved that the Constitutional Convention apply for hearing shall be held for the sole purpose of considering the Constitutional Amendment prescribed by this Resolution and that the application of Congress made by this Resolution is contingent upon the establishment by Congress within two



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years after the time two-thirds of the states have been have made application on this issue on prior to convening of such Convention of rules, procedures, for such a limited Convention, and be it further resolved that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, to each Member of Congress from this state and the presiding officers of each House of the various State Legislatures requesting that several states to also pass an identical application in the United States Congress so as to meet the Constitutional requirement for application for such a Convention by two-thirds of the state. First Reading of this Constitutional Amendment. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 7, O'Brien. Resolved by the House of Representatives of the 82nd General Assembly the State of Illinois the Senate concurring herein that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state for adoption or rejection of the general election next occurring at least six months after the adoption of this Resolution. Proposition to amend Section 4 of Article 9 the Constitution read as follows: Article 9, Revenue, real property taxation. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, taxes upon real property shall levied uniformly by evaluation ascertain as the General Assembly shall provide by law. Subject to such limitations as the General Assembly may thereafter prescribe by law counties with the population of more than 200,000 shall classify or continue to classify real property for the purpose of taxation. Any such classification shall be reasonable in assessments, shall be uniform within each class, the level assessment

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rate tax of the highest class of the county shall not exceed 2 1/2 times the level of assessments rates tax of the lowest class of that county. Real property used in farming in the county shall not be assessed at a higher level of assessment than single family residential real property in that county. Any depreciation in the value of the real property occasioned by a public easement shall be conducted in assessing such property. The affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members elected to each House of the General Assembly shall be required to pass a law increasing or authorizing an increase in an ad valorem real property tax rates. This Amendment to Article 9 of the Constitution takes effect upon its approval by the electors of this state. First Reading of this Constitutional Amendment. .... Resolutions. House Joint Resolution 2, Currie. House Joint Resolution 5, Woodyard - Miller - Stuffle - Robbins - McBroom - Ropp. House Resolution 18, Jack Davis. House Resolution 28, C.M. Stiehl. Committee on Assignment of Bills. Introductions and First Readings. House Bill 220 (sic), Pullen - Vinson. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 221, Pullen. A Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 222, O'Brien. A Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Regional Transportation Authority Act. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 223, Pullen - Barnes. A Bill for an Act to repeal Sections of an Act to define nature transactions relating to procuring, furnishing, donating, processing, distributing, or using human blood and blood derivatives and products. First Reading of the Bill. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 8, Pullen et al. Resolved by the House of Representatives of the 82nd General Assembly the State of

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Illinois the Senate concurring herein that there shall be submitted to the electors of this state for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least six months after the adoption of this Resolution. A proposition to amend Section 1 Article 14 of the Constitution to read as follows: Article 14, Constitutional revision, Constitutional Convention. Whenever three-fifths of the Members elected to each House of the General Assembly so direct the question whether the Constitutional Convention shall be called shall be submitted to the electors of the general election next occurring at least six months after such legislative direction. The vote of whether to call a Convention shall be on a separate ballot. A Convention shall be called if approved by three-fifths of those voting on the question or a majority of those voting in the election. The General Assembly of the Session following approval of the electors by law shall provide for a Convention and for the election of two delegates from each Legislative District designated the time and place of the Convention's first meeting and shall be within three months after the election of delegates. ... to provides for the pay of delegates and officers and provide for expenses necessarily incurred by the Convention. To be eligible to be a delegate a person must meet the same eligibility requirements as a Member of the General Assembly. Vacancy shall be filled as provided by law. The Convention shall prepare such revisions of or Amendments to the Constitution as it deems necessary. Any proposed revision or Amendment approved by the majority of the delegates elected shall be submitted to the electors in such manner as the Convention determines, that an election designator recalled by the Convention occurring not less than two no more than six months after the Convention is

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adjournment. A revision or Amendments composed by the Convention shall be published with explanation as the Convention provides as lease one month preceding the election. The vote on the proposition, revision, or Amendments shall be on a separate ballot, a proposed revision or Amendments shall become effective as the Constitution provides if approved by the majority of those voting on the question. This Amendment to Section 1 of Article 14 the Constitution takes effect upon the approval of the electors of this state. First Reading of this Constitutional Amendment. .... First Readings. House Bill 224, Pullen. A Bill for an Act to amend and repeal various Sections of the Inheritance and Transfer Tax Law. First Reading of the Bill. Representative Pullen in the chair."

Speaker Pullen: "There being no further business, the House will stand adjourned until February 17 at 12:00 noon."