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Speaker McPike: "The House will come to order. The Chaplain for today is Father Edward Surges of St. Renae Parish in Chicago. Father Surges is the guest of Representative McAfee. The guests in the balcony may wish to arise and join us for the invocation."

Father Surges: "Oh, God, Heavenly Father, we love You. From Your creating hand came forth the wonders of the universe. Your power, majesty and beauty have shown forth in creation the riches of the earth You furnished for the enjoyment of man and woman and for their health, nourishment and comfort. We acknowledge our obligation of treating with respect these products of Your hand. Help us not to fail in this by wasting the earth's resources or by filing (sic -defiling) the riches Your hand has produced. In Your providence, legislative bodies have been created. Their role is to ensure that there are wise laws to further the plans and designs You have in Your creation. Guide these lawmakers, in the Illinois Legislature, help them be conscious and convinced of the importance of their role and their duty conscientiously to implement Your wishes. Let them rise above any petty considerations and seek only the good of their people, who are Your children. We ask this from You, Oh Father, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Speaker McPike: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Hartke."

Hartke - 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 McPike: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Matijevich."

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Matijevich: "Yes. Mr. Speaker, on this side of the aisle let the record reflect the excused absence, due to injury, to Monroe Flinn."

Speaker McPike: "Thank you. Mr. Black. Mr. Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative McAuliffe and Barnes are excused today, due to illness."

Speaker McPike: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, take the record. 114 Members are answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. The House will stand at ease for 15 minutes. Come to order. Representative McGann."

McGann: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Assembly, on yesterday in the voting of House Bill 247, I inadvertently was recorded as voting 'aye,' and I should have voted 'present' because of a possible conflict, and I would like that to be recorded accordingly, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Mr. McGann, the record will so reflect your remarks."

McGann: "Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, this is an announcement. Ellis Levin is celebrating a birthday, today, and his wife has provided chocolate cake for all of us. The cake is at the back on this side of the aisle. You're all welcome to join in. I asked Ellis which birthday it was. He wouldn't tell me, but he did say that 'he was born a year, the last year, that the Cubs won the Pennant.' So you sports fans can figure it out. Not the last year, the Cubs won the World Series, mind you, but the last year the Cubs won the Pennant. So I hope you will join me in wishing Ellis a very happy birthday, and I hope you will all enjoy his birthday cake."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Weaver."

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Weaver: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a parliamentary inquiry. Mr. Speaker, I rise for a Parliamentary inquiry. There was considerable confusion yesterday in a subcommittee meeting about whether or not an advisory vote could be taken or how many times it could be taken, and I request the ruling of the Chair of a Member of the House rules advisory votes are unacceptable."

Speaker McPike: "Well, Mr Weaver, we're not familiar with the incident. If you could come up and explain it to us, we would appreciate it and we would be glad to give you a ruling. I don't know what committee, what subcommittee, what subject matter, what happened. If you would try to accommodate us by explaining it to us we will get to it. Representative Noland. If we could have your attention please. Representative Noland, in the Chair."

Noland: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is my pleasure to introduce Neely Kay Slone and her mother, Linda, who are from Assumption, in my district, South of Decatur. Neely is a 1990, reigning Little Modern Miss and she will be representing Illinois in the National Pageant next week. So she will be working as a honorary Page and will you please welcome her to the Illinois General Assembly."

Speaker McPike: "Representative McPike in the Chair. Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just...Representative Noland, is she going to be Paging on the Democratic side of the aisle? Well, I was just a...just a statement."

Speaker McPike: "Yes, right."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, just a reminder was left on everyone's desk in way of a cap designating tonight was our annual Illinois Quad Cities Legislative Reception at Bauers. We would like everyone to stop over and meet our

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leadership people, from the Quad Cities, which is made up of Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Milan and a number of small communities. So, please, if you've got time please stop by the Illinois Quad Cities Legislative Reception at Bauers in the Archives Room and wear the hat, wear the hat in good health."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Yes, this little group of five over here didn't get hats, but that's alright, we're going to go to the reception anyway."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly I would just like to point out that if you happen to be looking back in the gallery, there's a group in the corner from St. Dominics School, from Quincy, Illinois. I'd like to introduce them today."

Speaker McPike: "I wonder if the Members of the General Assembly could take their seats. We have a delegation, with us today from Germany that Representative Harris is going to introduce. Could everyone be in their seats, please? The Chair would like your attention, if you could take your seats. Representative Harris in the Chair."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, of the House, this is somewhat of international week I guess, in the House of Representatives. Representative LeFlore had a delegation, yesterday from Zaire. Today we are privileged to have with us a delegation, from the German state of North Rhine-westphalia, a member they are our counterparts, from that state. They are state Legislators, as well as, what we would call, a Department Director. Specifically, there are approximately ten state Legislators and the Minister of Housing. North Rhine-Westphalia is the most

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populus state, in Germany. It has about 17 million people. It is very similar to Illinois. It has large industrial metropolis. It also has a rural agricultural base as well as good industrial sections in coal and steel and space technology. It really is a very vital and bustling area of Germany. The delegation has been traveling throughout the Midwest. They visited St. Louis and Detroit, Indianapolis last week. They are here to exchange ideas with some of us and with some of the people in State Government here. They will be meeting with the Illinois Housing Development Authority, with Representatives of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and with Representatives of the Illinois Home Builders Association. I take great pleasure in introducing them to you today. The head of the delegation, Mr. Erwin Pfaender, who is also the Chairman of their Committee on Housing in their Parliament, will take a few minutes to address you. Mr. Pfaender."

Pfaender: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, of the House. (Speaking in German)."

Weide: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, it is a great honor for our delegation to be received by you today, by the Legislature of the State of Illinois. It is also a great honor, for me personally, to be able to address you today. I would like to thank you for your hospitality. During this trip through the United States, we have learned so much, we saw so much, and we would like to thank you for all these opportunities. Especially, we would like to thank you for your friendship and a special gratitude, goes to a Mr. David Harris. He already welcomed us two days ago in Chicago and he made a major contribution to our successful trip through the State of Illinois. We represent the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia, and

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we're in the heart of Europe. We were met as I said, with friendship, not only on the part of the American people, but also on the part of the politicians. And I think it is very important to have strong ties between us, so that together we can fight for peace in the world. For that reason, I hope that you will pay us a visit, in North Rhine-Westphalia, and that should be made much easier by the fact that there is a direct nonstop flight between Chicago and Dusseldorf. So, please come and see us, so that we may have even stronger ties between these two state Legislatures. As a token of our gratitude, I would now like to present the Speaker with a silver coin. On one side it bears the coat of arms of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia on the other side, an image of our Statehouse, and the state Legislature of North Rhine-Westphalia, moved into this building in 1988. Furthermore, I would like to present you with a symbol of recent history, a symbol of historic developments in Germany, which particularly link the American people and the German people. What just happened, in Germany, would not have been possible without the contribution of the United States and I am talking about the dismantling of the Berlin Wall. So, I am presenting you now, as a token of our gratitude, with a piece of the wall, and it comes with its own certificate of authenticity. So it's a real piece of the wall. Again, thank you, very much for your hospitality, for your contribution to recent history and I would also like to wish you and your country the very best."

Speaker McPike: "On behalf of the Members of the General Assembly, and speaking for Speaker Madigan, we would like to thank you for this commemorative coin, this commemorative medal and especially, thank you, for a piece

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of the Berlin Wall, absolutely. My wife and I had a chance to visit Berlin last summer for four days and were able to tear off a few pieces of the wall ourselves and it was an extremely exciting place to be, exciting time in the history of Germany and it was certainly exciting for us to be there. So, we welcome you to Illinois, and we hope you enjoy your stay. Thank you very much. Representative Ryder in the Chair."

Ryder: "Thank you, Representative McPike. It is my pleasure today to have the unique opportunity for me to be able to introduce to you State Champions. All of us like to think that in life that we are or might someday be declared, a champion, either a champion for the people, or a champion for an issue, but I can introduce to you today some young people that are truly champions, they are, and they represent Pittsfield High School. The boys' basketball team and the cheerleaders, coaching staff and others who are present here today. The Senate just a few moments ago, passed a Resolution in their honor, and I would ask Assistant Clerk, Tony Leone to please read the Senate House Joint Resolution."

Clerk Leone: "Senate Joint Resolution 21, offered by Representative Ryder."

WHEREAS, The Pittsfield High School Boys' Basketball Team won the Class A Illinois State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Saukees defeated Seneca's Fighting Irish 45-35 to claim the title; and

WHEREAS, The championship team includes: Jon Borrowman, Mike Capps, Jamie Sweeting, David Marable, Keith Griffeth, Tony Baker, Josh Townley, David Fox, Brian Feezel, Troy Taylor, Gregg Scott, Ryan Nevius, Rob Lemons, Jason Thompson, Doug Wade, Jason Smithers, and David Ballinger; and

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WHEREAS, They were coached and encouraged by: Head Coach Dave Bennett and Assistant Coaches, Bruce Everetts and Steve Rylander; and

WHEREAS, The team was also assisted by loyal cheerleaders: Marci Speckhart, Kara Groom, Kara Fudge, Kris Ransom, Tina Heins, Kris Edwards, Lisa Stroheker, Michelle Lawton, Kelli Walbring, and Lindsay Coe, and by video person, Greg Woods; and

WHEREAS, The Saukees owe their victory to great team effort and to their drive and ability; and

WHEREAS, The victory meant a lot to the Saukees and their fans because they had sent a dozen teams to the Sweet Sixteen and won 3 Supersectionals but had never won the title; and

WHEREAS, When the Saukees returned from the tournament, more than a thousand fans lined the route from the airport and greeted the team in Voshall Gym; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rick Conner of Pittsfield named a week after them; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate the Pittsfield High School Boys' Basketball team on winning the Class A Illinois State Basketball Championship; that we commend them for their team spirit, hard work, and good sportsmanship; and that we commend Head Coach Dave Bennett and Assistant Coaches, Bruce Everetts and Steve Rylander, on their excellent guidance and encouragement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this preamble and resolution be presented to the coaches and to each member of the team. Congratulates the Pittsfield High Schools Boys' Basketball team on

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taking First Place in State Class A tournament.

Ryder: "Thank you. I would now recognize a Motion for immediate consideration of this resolution. If so moved, all in favor, vote 'aye' those opposed, 'no'. Thank you. The Resolution, for immediate consideration. All in favor vote 'aye' those opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is passed. I love doing that. Now I would like to recognize Coach Dave Bennett, who would like to say a few words for us, please. Coach."

Coach Bennett: "Thank you, Representative Ryder. It is certainly a pleasure for all of us to be here this afternoon. The hard work and the determination that our youngsters had to win the Class A State Championship is something that all youngsters strive for and these were the ones that were able to accomplish it. The Pittsfield Soccees are the 1991 Class A State Champions. We are very honored to be here with all of you, and we have enjoyed the afternoon that we have been here, and we appreciate your time and taking to honor the young people of Pittsfield. Thank you."

Ryder: "Thank you, Coach, and in the event we had enough money we would invest in Indian language school for some of our Clerks, so that they would know the difference between Soccees and Salukis, but it is a tough budget year and as a consequence, we are not able to do that. I thank you for your indulgence and your appreciation of these young people and the championship that they have achieved. Representative McPike in the Chair."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise to ask for immediate consideration of House Joint Resolutions 248, 249, 250 and House Joint Resolution 22. They appear on today's Calendar, and it is part of a reapportionment package, that as the Speaker knows, and

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other Members know, has been introduced by me and others in an effort to address the critical subject of reapportionment."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels. Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker McPike: "The Chair is prepared to proceed to Motions on page 5. The first three Motions concerning Bills. The following three Motions are on the Resolutions and the final on the House Joint Resolution. Is that your desire?"

Daniels: "Sir, we hadn't called House Bill 2119, 2120 or 2121 at this moment, because they haven't been assigned to committee."

Speaker McPike: "No, all of these have been assigned. If you will check the computer. They have all the three Bills and the four Resolutions have been assigned to the Committee on Reapportionment."

Daniels: "Thank you. We're delighted to know that. When we checked on our way out here it hadn't shown up yet. But, we're very pleased that you have done that. In which case, Mr. Speaker, then I am prepared to move on all House Bills and Resolutions contained on Page 5 and 6 under my name."

Speaker McPike: "Alright the Motions, as you realize are now out of order, because the Bills are in the Committee on Reapportionment, and the Chair would accept a Motion, a discharge Motion at this time."

Daniels: "We would so make the appropriate Motion under the Rules. As you know, when we came to the Floor the Bills has not been assigned. We're delighted that they are assigned to Reapportionment Committee as..."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels, the first Motion would be to suspend the Calendar requirements. Because it requires unanimous consent."

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Daniels: "I assume it would meet with your approval since..."

Speaker McPike: "To suspend the Calendar requirements. So Representative Daniels' Motion is to suspend the Calendar requirements for the three Bills, 2119, 2120 and 2121, for the House Resolution 248, 249 and 250. And for House Joint Resolution 22. The Motion is to suspend the Calendar requirements for these three Bills and the four Resolutions. Are there any objections? Hearing none. The Attendance Roll Call will be used, and the Calendar requirements, the Rule on the Calendar requirements, is suspended. Now, Representative Daniels, on a Motion."

Daniels: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I appreciate the indulgence on having this heard immediately. As you know, when we came to the Floor, the Bills had not been assigned to committee. And as I stated earlier, we are delighted that they now have been assigned to the Reapportionment Committee. However, that does not change the fact for the need for immediate consideration of House Joint Resolution 22 and House Resolutions 248, 249 and 250 as well as, House Bills 2119, 2120 and 2121. I think every Member of the Illinois General Assembly is keenly aware of what is contained in these Resolutions and House Bills. They can and will be afforded a complete and thorough discussion on the House Floor as to any potential Amendments if any Member decides or desires to do that, and of course, I hold myself available as I do other Members on the Republican side of the aisle, to discuss with any Member of this Chamber potential Amendments which would strengthen our desire to have a complete open and process which guarantees a fair reapportionment process. The House of Representatives stands at a critical point of decision. The decision I refer to is whether or not we are allowed to hear a series of Resolutions to allow for a partisan

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redistricting process in Illinois. These Resolutions and Bills contain no lines but simply guarantee public input and observation of the process. They don't pretend to draw legislative districts in its form. In a Democracy, under a Government, by and for the people, an open redistricting process should not be an unreasonable request. People rightly expect openness in something as important as the distribution of representative power. Under the Voting Rights Act, what our Resolutions and House Bills propose, in Illinois, should already, I believe, and those of us that are sponsoring these Bills and Resolutions believe, should already be part of State Law and should already be taking place. We propose no controversy in these Resolutions or Bills. Hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Illinois citizens, would argue that it should not even be necessary to request of any person here cooperation, but in the best possible spirit, we are calling for that cooperation today. We have read newspaper comments attributed to various Members of this Assembly and various staff people, which have stated that these Resolutions may not be needed. We think to the contrary, they are. The Voting Rights Act requires us to pay attention to minority representation in minority districts, and we think the Voting Rights Act ought to be followed to the letter of the law. The importance of these Resolutions may be, and may have been, misrepresented to some of you. Some of you may even have abrogated this decision to others by just saying, people who have told you to vote 'no' on these Resolutions, or asked you to look the other way if the Resolutions are buried in the Parliamentary process. Perhaps, you are told that these are bad or partisan Resolutions. These are neither of these things. I am here to point out, that if we pass these Resolutions and

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House Bills, we join the ranks of numbers of enlightened states, who have worked in a bipartisan, open and fair way to pass Redistricting Resolutions and process, with full input from affected groups and from the public at large. But, if this Chamber resorts to burying these Resolutions or by not adopting them or not moving quickly for their action by Parliamentary procedure, it may seem like a small Act here and now, but millions of people in Illinois will know of what has been done here today, and they will know one of two things: They will know the cynicism and old politics have denied political power to minorities and other groups, whose numbers cry out for a greater voice in government. Or that they will know that a new and bright day in Illinois politics has arrived. That we have risen above the temptations of the past and are looking to the realities of the future. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I stand before you with the endorsement of several minority groups in this State of these Bills and Resolutions in their current form. I name for you a few: Malda; Uno; Asian Human Service of Chicago; Elgin Aurora Spanish Coalition; Professor Starks of Northeastern Illinois University; Bruce Crosby, Chairman of the committee to preserve voting rights, successful plaintiff in the 1981 State Remap Lawsuit; and I am permitted to tell you that in meeting with Common Cause, they have indicated that they may very well endorse these Bills and Resolutions at their meeting of tomorrow. I ask you and submit to you, to pay careful attention to what action is being taken now. The Bills that are before you are meant to openly address redistricting and the process of reapportionment in this State, with no favoritism to any political party. But yes, with the recognition that minority rights must be brought out in the forefront in

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accordance with the Voting Rights Act. That minority rights must be preserved, and yes, that the voting patterns of the Illinois public must be protected, based upon the population shifts in this State. For to discriminate against any voter or any minority group is to turn our back on our Constitutional and statutory requirements. I ask you to join me, I ask you to be part of the process and thank you for your consideration."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Johnson."

Johnson: "The Bills and the Resolutions, that are the subject matter of our discussion are not maps. They're not the reapportionment or redistricting itself, but they're fundamental precepts that ought to be our guide star in any reapportionment process. And among other things, they guarantee and, matter of fact, promote the rights of minorities in the reapportionment process and the redistricting process. Critically, they assure that the public has a right to see, review and comment on redistricting plans in an expansive way, and then they go on to delineate what, I think, is a very progressive and well-considered structure, with respect to the committee, itself. Those are just fundamental rules of reapportionment, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, and all we're asking, not that we draw a map here, not that we bypass the Reapportionment Committee in those critical respects, but, that we hear now issues and concepts that, I think, every Member of this Chamber will support, get them passed, get a groundwork created and hopefully over the course of the next few months, with that groundwork having been created, with that basis, that these Bills and Resolutions, ann body, come out of here with both at a Congressional level and at the State Senate and at the State Representative level, reasonable, fair and just maps,

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that, I think, both Members of the aisle would support and the public overwhelmingly supports. So, I join with others, hopefully on both sides of the aisle, in supporting Representative Daniels' Motion in getting these things here before us, getting the rule set, and then creating an environment that will serve all of the people of Illinois very well."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Olson. Myron Olson."

Olson, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I obviously join in the remarks of Minority Leader Daniels and Tim Johnson, and as a veteran Member of the House Elections Committee this being the ninth year we certainly would urge the majority to quickly make their appointments to the Reapportionment Committee and remember that we are in a fast-track time frame and that some of the activities that have been enjoined in the Elections Committee, over the last number of years, unlike this year which we are meeting on a regular basis permit us to go forward with the creation of a map which will enable us to meet the standards of the Voting Rights Act and give Illinois the standard for the nation that we seek."

Speaker McPike: "Representative...There are about ten people seeking recognition. Representative Weller."

Weller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, of the House. I rise in support of the Minority Leader's Motion and also in support of the Resolutions that he is offering. We have the opportunity today to adopt the progressive, non-partisan approach, to the reapportionment process. Something that is extremely important to every citizen, every man and woman that lives in the State of Illinois. If you support the Voting Rights Act, if you support the opportunity for equal participation by all citizens, and by men and women of all races, creeds, color and ethnic

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groups, I ask you to vote 'aye'. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Deuchler."

Deuchler: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, of the House. I too rise in support of Representative Daniels' Motion. In looking at the Resolutions, I'm reminded of the Resolution that Representative R. Turner and I sponsored last year in the area of reapportionment. And the question of fairness and really a 'no' vote on these Resolutions is tantamount to saying that you are complying with the Voting Rights Act. All I see here is a desire to comply with process to adhere to open access to information through the university libraries and to use procedural process for public hearings for the redistricting committees. I would ask that you also accept the Vote for immediate consideration."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Motion. I've been here, as you have, Mr. Speaker, during the times when people have retired, people have left us and each and every time, those people say, 'It's the process, the process that I will miss, it's the process that makes us special.' We were just visited today by people in Germany, people in Poland who have been shut out of a Democratic process. All that these Resolutions ask today is to open up that process. To make it available for public comment. To allow us to do this visibly. I think it is interesting that the 1980 map should go down in history books as the last political map in Illinois drawn in the back rooms of some political headquarters. Perhaps, somewhere, someday, we can find a museum that would set aside one of those smoke-filled rooms as a reminder of how we used to do it, but also as a reminder that we don't do it in any fashion. More importantly, I should indicate to you, we need to discharge the committee because as of this point, no

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Members have been appointed to that committee. So, even if this were to be heard, there is no one there to hear it. We want an open and above-board discussion and for that reason we ask your support to discharge the committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Speaker gavel some order to the House. The noise level is extremely high, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise also in support of this Motion and to remind the Members, notwithstanding the fact that the Chairman of the Democratic Party in Illinois is probably working the other side of the aisle in opposition of this Motion, but to remind all Members that a vote against this Motion is a vote against the principles of fairness, the principles of the protection of the minorities under the Federal Voting Rights Act and its recent Amendments in 1982. So, if you vote 'no' you are voting against the principles of fairness and equal representation for all minority groups in Illinois that are in absolute mandate under the Federal Voting Rights Act. All these Resolutions and these three Bills do are implement the Federal Voting Rights Act in Illinois, and in the cause of Reapportionment bring about fairness in representation for all minority groups in the State of Illinois. If you want to go back to your districts and tell them that you didn't even want to consider the rights of minorities in Illinois and in the reapportionment process then your 'no' vote will send that message clearly back to your Districts and back to the minorities who live in your Districts. I urge you to give careful consideration to these Motions and to bring them into discussion, bring them to the House floor. Make sure that you register your concern for equal representation for

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minorities in Illinois. I urge a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I rise to support Minority Leader Daniels' Motion for immediate consideration of the three Bills and four Resolutions before us. I would remind all Members of this Chamber that you are bound to support the laws of this State and this country. You took that oath we are going to be asking you to join with us in reaffirming, reaffirming your faith and support of the fundamental right of the Voting Rights Act as passed by this country. Your failure to do so will be noted. I would further say, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, as we debate something that all Members of good will in this Chamber should be supporting and we're having difficulty in getting order in the Chamber, rather than having a true bipartisan spirit as we move towards the public's business of redistricting and reapportionment. We have just been informed that a Member of our staff has been denied access to the Democrat side of this Chamber. By what rule this Member of our Staff was denied access to your side of the Chamber? I am not aware of any such rule that gives that authority, and I am appalled that...that would happen on an issue of inherent fairness to the people that we represent in the State of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Illinois House, I urge your favorable consideration of these Bills and these Resolutions that are bipartisan in spirit and nature. We're asking you to sign on to the fundamental concept of fairness, so that all people in the State of Illinois will be represented in the process. These Bills aren't about drawing the map, but they are about the inherent principle of fairness to the people that we are supposed to represent in that process. Mr. Speaker,

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I ask for a Roll Call Vote on each of these Resolutions and Bills, and I am joined by five Members of this side in seeking a Roll Call Vote on each of the Bills and Resolutions in question."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of this Assembly. I suspect that those who served before this year have all heard me rise and, particularly in the last few days of the Session, and raise an objection because the Conference Committee Report or the Amendment or what-have-it, what-have-you that we're being asked to cast a vote on has not been on my desk. So, I think I have a long-standing record of supporting the idea of openness and sunshine in this Legislative process. While I don't think there is perhaps any issue that we will consider in the General Assembly that is more important this year than the issue of redistricting and for that reason, I believe, again that openness and sunshine are important. At stake are the voting rights of all the citizens of Illinois and particularly the voting rights of minorities in this State, and it's a decision that should be made with public opportunity for public input, for public comment and for public inspection and not a matter that is made in the back rooms without that opportunity for openness and public input. So, I rise in support of these Resolutions, because I think it is good public policy, because I think it's an open and honest way to approach this very important issue, because I think it insures the voting rights of all citizens of this State will be protected and because particularly I think it insures that the voting rights of minorities in this State will be protected."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Petka."

Petka: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Members of the

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House. I would hope that the noise volume that is in this Chamber does not really reflect the attention that is being paid to this matter, because it is a matter which strikes at the very heart of the democratic process here in Illinois and throughout the United States of America. We are in a Session which by the Constitution of this State of Illinois, we are charged constitutionally with the obligation to redistrict and reapportion fairly. And perhaps it has been a quote 'tradition' that maps are to be given to us on high, that they are to appear just like a rabbit appears out of a magician's hat, without any input. But what we are doing here today, Ladies and Gentlemen, is not drawing a map, but simply debating a concept that is as old as republic itself and that is the right of citizen input, the right of legislative input, into a process. Actions are said to speak louder than words, but sometimes a lack of action speaks even louder. If there is no action taken on these Resolutions, which is merely the way of starting the process to insure fairness to all concerned, Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Blacks, Hispanics, Poles, name it. If we don't start the process, then I'm afraid it's going to be business as usual. I would hope that this Resolution is passed, because it is a Resolution which affects all of us on both sides of the aisle. We need to get the process going in an orderly fashion to insure effective and fair representation in the drawing of this map. So, I support I stand in support of the Resolution of Minority Leader Daniels and urge its adoption."

Speaker McPike: "Representative LeFlore."

LeFlore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm sitting here listening to all this discussion on reapportionment, but up until this date no one has

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approached me about a meeting that should have been called, in order for us to talk about reapportionment. The one thing I can say, about the Democratic Party, we have had meetings and I think that that's a fair process and I feel with us having meetings some things has been said, some things have been put on the agenda and we should follow these procedures. What is being said here today is ludicrous, far as I'm concerned. So, therefore, I cannot support it. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I welcome and applaud the Republican rhetoric, the commitment the newfound commitment to fairness and openness that these Resolutions apparently display. But I don't think that a real commitment to fairness to equity for minorities would be evidenced that I support for these Resolutions. There is a Federal Voting Rights Act; we believe in it; we know what it means, we intend to abide by its provisions, reiterating reiterating that an Act the President of the United States vetoed, is not going to make it anymore likely to inform our efforts than not. The most important problem with the Motions that are before us today is that they are untimely, and they assume an unwillingness on the part of our regular procedures to deal with reapportionment as we deal with every other issue that comes before us. There is a Reapportionment Committee. That committee will have open hearings. We'll give the public an opportunity to participate, will work among the Members to define a map that is fair to all the citizens of Illinois. These Resolutions assume that there isn't a process when there is one and for that reason, they do not deserve our support at this time. We will do a map, that's our responsibility, that's our job, we'll do it through usual procedures and

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processes. Those will be open and fair procedures, and I invite the Minority Party to participate in those procedures with the zeal, the vehemence and the commitment, that they seem interested in showing us today."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Santiago."

Santiago: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Daniels, I appreciate your candor and your efforts on behalf of minority voting rights, but for the record, I want to say that we on the Democratic side are also equally concerned about minority voting rights. In fact, we are now actively working to insure an open process that guarantees the input of the Hispanic community. In fact, I've helped convene with the Speaker, with Speaker Madigan and Chairman LaPaille and numerous Hispanic groups on reapportionment. We have concluded that Hispanic representation will increase in both the Legislature and Congress. Hispanics applaud the Speaker for his bold leadership and have called for a Hispanic Congressional District. We welcome your efforts and we also, we want to ask you to come and join the process that we have already started because the more people that we have on the band wagon for minority rights that will guarantee equal justice and equality and parity for everyone that's concerned, for the Hispanics in the State of Illinois. I will further also will ask that not only you...Representative Daniels, but all of those other good Republicans that are also concerned and that have a minorities in their District to come forward and say we're here to work together on a united effort, a united front, because this is very important, not only to the Republicans, to the Democrats, but it is important for everyone in this State of Illinois. Because, what we're asking is equality, justice and parity in the political process, and by you (sic-your) coming into...and trying to

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help with us and work with us, that will make it possible for all of us to receive what we finally have asked for and that's equality in the political process. Thank you very much."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels to close.

Daniels: "Thank you..."

Speaker McPike: "Excuse me, Representative Daniels, Mr. Parke put his light one..."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, before we to Representative Parke, I was asked a question which I want to answer, by Representative Santiago."

Speaker McPike: "Excuse me Sir, It was just...he wasn't asking a question...he was just talking."

Daniels: "He asked, if I would join the process and join with him and I'd like to respond to that, because when..."

Speaker McPike: "Yes Sir, when you close you can."

Daniels: "Alright, when I close, I will."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm a little disturbed and I'm going to give one of the previous speakers the benefit of the doubt. But she alluded in her speech that it was a newfound sense of fairness on behalf of the Republicans. May I remind this Body that if anything practical is going to happen, in terms of redistricting, that we're all going to have to work together in a sense of fairness and if you question the sincerity of the Republican Party then I would ask you to pass these Bills that Minority Speaker Daniels has proposed and you will see fairness beyond your wildest belief and that is why I am going to give the benefit, of the doubt and say that there is no new sense of fairness among the Republican Party. It is a long-standing sense of fairness to minorities not only in this State but

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throughout the United States. I ask for you to consider seriously these Bills that Representative Daniels has proposed."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels to close."

Daniels:Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I listened with careful consideration and review of the discussions from the other side of the aisle in mentioning the Democratic Party and how they're satisfied with the procedures and how it has gone. Frankly, there are some refreshing approaches that I have seen represented in the press and attributed to some of the Democratic leaders in the State and that approach was joining with us in recognizing the need for Hispanic Congressional District and the open statements by the Speaker and Senator Rock, in the recognition that there should be a Hispanic District drawn in Cook County, in Chicago but there is also a statement recognized that there should be three black districts and what person has said that in today's information it's only three black districts that should be drawn in Chicago. The Voting Rights Act requires us to maximize minority rights and representation and that's what we will do. Representative Santiago, I appreciate your saying join the process and I accept wholeheartedly your invitation. I also accept the invitation of Malda, who endorses the Resolutions and the House Bills before us today in a recognition that what it does is not establish one party over another, but establishes an openness appropriate rules and regulations for the reapportionment process, so it cannot be abused and that's what our Motions are all about. It's not to place one party over another, but in fact what it says, it is time that we set the rules and regulations in this State, for the most critical thing that will face us in this decade of reapportionment. I'm

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not asking you to vote for this, for any one individual, or any incumbent in the Illinois General Assembly. I'm asking you to vote for the people of Illinois, for the establishment of a process by rules and regulations that sets forth appropriate representation of minority groups that as required by the Voting Rights Act and of all people in Illinois in accordance with population shifts and census. And, frankly, some people say, 'Why are you so concerned about that right now?' and I answer them by saying, 'If you want to know what's going to happen tomorrow, look what happened yesterday.' And what happened yesterday? Nineteen eighty-one, a federal court found discrimination in the reapportionment process. Discrimination based upon action of individuals in the General Assembly. It's federal court record as to what occurred in 1981. We have a right, we have a responsibility to our constituents and we have a responsibility to the future of this State to make sure that doesn't happen again. What I'm saying to you, this is not a partisan activity. This is an activity that will guarantee all of you, the Illinois General Assembly, Republican and Democrat alike, and all of your constituents an open process. We ask you to join with us as we start our efforts on reapportionment; we ask you to support the Motions to discharge committee and to have the appropriate Resolutions and House Bills heard. Thank you. I ask for a Roll Call, Sir."

Speaker McPike: "This will be a Roll Call Vote. Representative Daniels moves Pursuant to Rule 77a, to discharge the Committee on Redistricting from further consideration of House Bills 2119, 2120 and 2121 and to advance to the Order of Second Reading and to House Resolution 248, 249, 250 and House Joint Resolution 22 to advance to the Order of the

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Speaker's Table. All those in favor of the Gentleman Motion vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. Representative Ewing."

Ewing: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am very pleased to see the 'green votes' up there and disappointed to see those who can't seem to take a stand on this issue. The issue here is openness in the most important process that we face in this State. I can't believe anyone on this side of the aisle or the other side of the aisle who is interested in fair representation, minority representation or good government would be voting 'present' or 'no'. There are no one over there willing to put a 'no' vote, but they sure are hiding behind the 'present' votes. Let's get some more 'green votes' up there."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Leitch."

Leitch: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, talk about the quality, talk about fairness, talk about justice, talk about compliance with the Voter Act, is all just that, talk without process. It is just talk without action. We must have action to be able to move forward in this way, in a way that is credible to the people of Illinois, that is a signal to the people of Illinois that they're getting a fair deal. It is all the more appropriate this year, since some gremlins have showed up in our process such things as advisory votes in Committees and other techniques which would seem to take away the clarity of process that we ought to all be demanding for this very important decision. I, too, would urge more 'aye' votes."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Churchill."

Churchill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I couldn't help but notice during the debate, the Chairman of the State Democratic Party walking over to

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Representative LeFlore and talking to him and asking him to stand up and make a few remarks, and I heard Representative LeFlore say nobody had even talked to him before. So it seems appropriate that now they finally somebody goes to talk to him. I couldn't help but notice that Representative Santiago had a very nice prepared statement that he was asked to deliver, and yet I look at the board and I see all the Members of the other party, the Majority Party, not voting for this, but voting against this. And I guess I'm left with one question, all those beautiful words that you said, all of those things that you told us about an open process, shedding the light of day, letting the public be aware of what's going on and yet you vote 'present'. Remember this: This is the time of the year where you will be receiving promises and on June 30th, those promises will dissipate. It's happened every year, the promises come early and when you get to June 30th, there is nothing there to fulfill the promises. At some point, along the line, you have to stand up, and you have to make a decision to make this an open process. It's got to happen. If you don't do it that way, the deal on the map is going to be cut in the back room, and you're going to be left out of the process, so either stand up today, stand up as soon as you can and make this an open process or live with gonna be something that you will not want to live with by June 30th"

Speaker McPike: "Representative LeFlore's name was used in debate. Mr. Leflore."

LeFlore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Churchill and I, I think, came into the General Assembly in the same class, and I do resent the fact that he get up and used my name in debate. Because I feel that I am my own man, and I don't have to be dictated by anyone, to tell me what to

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do and what not to do. In the General Assembly decision is made by an individual and not someone dictating things to them. If the chairman come and talk to me, I must say that the Chairman, of the Democratic Party, and I work together, but, he do not dictate to me on making a decision on how I cast my vote. So I resent that, Representative . Please do not use my name in the debate anymore. Regarding someone dictating to me. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Santiago."

Santiago: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you. I also would like to address Representative Churchill, with all due respect to him. I speak for myself; no one speaks for me. I don't need anyone to prepare any statements for me. I think I am very qualified, and I have very good educational background that allows me and permits me to speak on my behalf. My remarks were sincere and honest, and I don't like no one to tell me or make a statement that someone prepared remarks for me. I resent that very much, and I think Representative Daniels, I felt was sincere, and I asked him to work with us and then another colleague, one of his Members, tries to come and interfere with that process by trying to create some type of hostility by falsely accusing other Members of using prepared statements. I wrote my own statement. I don't need anyone to write anything for me or anyone to tell me what to say in this Body, because I am fully qualified to be here and may represent myself. So, I think that Representative Daniels, you should talk to your Members, because we want to work together and we do not want to create any hostilities, in this Body, especially with this issue. What we're trying to do is trying to find an equal balance and justice. We don't want to fight with anyone, but if it comes to that, I'm ready, willing and able to do that, too. Thank you very much."

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Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevecich."

Matijevecich: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I was overwhelmed and I almost felt as though I was back in grade school where the teacher was preaching and lecturing to me about fairness, and then I jogged my memory about ten years ago, when the Republicans had the Majority in this House, and they wanted a slide-through in seconds the Reapportionment Bill. Nobody, was talking about fairness to minorities, nobody was trying to help Hispanics and, believe me, I was the first to ever come on the floor of the House, before we had one Hispanic, and said there should be a Hispanic voice on this floor of the House. I was the first to ever say that, but nobody on that side of the aisle was worried about Hispanics, nobody on that side of the aisle was worried about Blacks and I don't think you're fooling anybody by your rhetoric. Because the only minority that you are worried about is the Republican Minority on your side of the aisle. Mr. Speaker, I cringe when I hear Representative Churchill talk about fairness. Here's a guy that is quoted in the Chicago Tribune two months ago, that if the Republicans draw a map they are going to run me and Representative Stern off the map. Yeah, that's fairness. You know, you couldn't run me out with a dirty election, so you think you're going to do it with a map. That's really the minority you're after. You want to get a Republican map. That's all you're worried about. No minority in the State of Illinois is fooled by it, and I think your leadership ought to look at some of those elections. You know, I could take it, I guess it hurt my wife more than it did me, because I considered it a part of election, but everybody knew I wasn't a dope dealer, everybody in my district knew it, and I guess everybody but Lee Daniels knew it but he didn't fool

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anybody and he's not fooling anybody now. We're going to draw a fair map, and we're not going to have, to have the Secretary of State Police up on the podium like you did ten years ago, to ramrod a Bill through and threaten my old roommate at that time was Laz Murphy. Here's a guy up in his 60s running up to the podium and threatening a guy like him who is elected. We're going to do it with the elected people. We just happen to have a majority and maybe we have a little more voice than you have, but that's the fault of the people, I guess. They happen to think that we deserve to be elected, so your rhetoric...forget about that— elect more of your Members by what you stand for, not what you breathe in the hot air about. You're dead wrong; we don't need your lecture."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Might I suggest, not in a lecturing form, but in a manner form and a procedure form, that we lower the partisan rhetoric. I didn't call John Matijevich's a dope dealer, and everyone in the world knows that he's not. He's an upstanding, fine man and let's set that record straight. Why, he would introduce that into this discussion is beyond comprehension, but he brought it to the attention of the people of Illinois now, and he has to deal with that issue himself. Representative Santiago and Representative LeFlore, I had prepared remarks myself somebody put together for me, like anyone else, like everyone else, all of these actions are going to be reviewed by a federal court at the appropriate time. We all know that. Nobody presumes that we can stand here now and draw a map that will meet the scrutiny of every individual so everyone's happy. Nobody in this State knows where their districts is going to be as we sit here right now. This is not a Resolution that we're trying to pass

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that says that Republicans will get an advantage. All we're saying is that we, like you, have looked at the record of 1981. I was a Member of the General Assembly at that time; I saw the actions of your side of the aisle and our side of the aisle, and frankly, we were both wrong. And I see a method now that we can adopt rules, regulations and legislation that will protect all of us, because in 1981, a Federal Court of three judges sat there and said that people of the General Assembly discriminated against minorities, and it wasn't the Republican Party. Now, if we want to get in partisan discussion, we've got a warehouse full of information that maybe some of you that weren't here in 1981 ought to read and ought to look at, but I will say to you right now, the process ought to be open because Federal law requires it. Case law of today is different than case law was in 1981. Computer technology is different. No longer can you draw a District that will run from Lake Michigan all the way over to DuPage County in an effort to discriminate against Pate Phillip, who was the DuPage County Chairman at that time. No longer, will you be allowed to draw a District of configurations of some of our legislative districts today. Technology will prevent that. Openness, fairness, communication and reviewing a process together will give us all the best results. That's what this does, and that's what it says and nothing more. So let's tone down the partisan rhetoric. Probably before June 30th, we're going to have a lot of opportunity for that, and I say to you 44 of us want that process. It is interesting to me to note that none of you say this is wrong. Not one of you. Maybe you haven't read the House Bill or Resolution to see what's in it and join the groups that have endorsed this and you're going to find more that say these Bills, these Resolutions, are non-partisan and

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ought to be adopted."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk, will take the record. On this Motion there are 44 'ayes' no 'nays' and 65 voting 'present'. And the Motion fails. The Republicans have requested a Caucus in Room 118. We will do agreed Resolutions and then adjourn. The Republicans will have a Caucus in Room 118 for one half hour, the committees will begin at 2:15. The 2:00 committees will begin at 2:15. Agreed Resolutions. Representative Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly. I would like to suspend the posting notice so that the following Bills can be heard in the house Housing Committee tomorrow at noon in Room C-1. House Bill 2585, House Bill 2586, House Bill 2587, House Bill 2588, House Bill 90, House Bill 91, House Bill 92, 93, 502 and House Bill 1281."

Speaker McPike: "Representative, have you cleared this with the Minority spokesman?"

Turner: "This has been cleared with the Minority spokesperson on this."

Speaker McPike: "Okay. No objections, you've heard the Gentleman's Motion and Attendance Roll Call will be used. The Motion carries. Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Joint Resolution 24, offered by Representative Munizzi; House Resolution 280, offered by Representative McCracken; 281, Barnes; 282, Parke; 283, Novak; 284, Leitch; 285, Edley; 286, Parke; 287, DeJaegher; 288, DeJaegher; 289, Ryder; 290, B. Pedersen; 291, DeJaegher; 292, Stern; 293, Regan; and 294, Kulas."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Speaker, these are all congratulatory. I move that we adopt the Agreed Resolutions."

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Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman moves the adoption of Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. General Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 295, offered by Representative Shirley Jones."

Speaker McPike: "Committee on Assignment. Death Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 296, offered by Representative Morrow, with respect to the memory of Mr. Hobert D. Holloway."

Speaker McPike: "Gentlemen, Representative Matijevich moves for the adoption of the Death Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Death Resolutions are adopted. Representative Matijevich, now moves that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow at the hour of 4:00 p.m., allowing the Clerk Perfunctory time for Committee Reports and Introduction of First Readings. All in favor of the Gentleman's Motion, say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the House stands adjourned."

Speaker McPike: "First Special Session of the General Assembly will now come to order. The Attendance Roll Call for the Regular Session will be used as the Attendance Roll Call for the First Special Session. Representative Matijevich, now moves that the First Special Session stands adjourned until tomorrow at the hour of 4:05 p.m. All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and we stand adjourned."

Clerk O'Brien: "Committee Reports. The Committee on Public Utilities, has met April 9, 1991, pursuant to House Rule 26(g) the following Bill was reported back with recommendation as a Committee Bill. House Bill 2643, the Committee on Public Utilities, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act, First Reading of the Bill."

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Further Introductions. House Bill 2642, offered by Representative McNamara, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. First Reading of the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Further Committee Reports. Representative Levin, Chairman of the Committee on Public Utilities, to which the following Bill is referred, action taken on April 9, 1991, reported back the same with the following recommendations: 'Do pass' Consent Calendar. House Bill 610, Representative Brunsvold, Chairman, of the Committee on the Municipal and Conservation Law, to which following Bills were referred, action taken April 9, 1991, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'Do passed Short Debate Status' House Bills 965 and 851. 'Do pass Consent Calendar' House Bill 857. Representative Mautino, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, to which the following Bill is referred, action taken April 9, 1991, reported the same back and following recommendation: 'Do pass Short Debate Status' House Bill 1006. Representative Saltsman, Chairman of the Committee on Executive, to which the following Bill were referred, action taken April 10, 1991, reported the same back and following recommendations: 'Do pass' House Bills 559 and 477. 'Do pass Short Debate Status' House Bills 124 and 517. 'Do pass Consent Calendar' House Bill 38. And 'Do adopt' House Resolution 138. Representative Mulcahey, Chairman of the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, to which the following Bill were referred, action taken April 10, 1991, reports the same back with the following recommendations: 'Do pass' House Bills 533, 455, 126. 'Do pass' as amended House Bill 97. 'Do pass amended Consent Calendar' House Bills 525 and 598. Representative Shaw, Chairman of the Committee on Financial Institutions, to which the following Bills was referred, action taken April 9, 1991, reports the same back with the

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following recommendations: 'Do pass as amended' Short Debate Status House Bill 989. Representative Farley, Chairman of the Committee on Labor and Commerce, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken April 9, 1991, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'Do pass as amended' House Bill 741. 'Do pass Short Debate Status' House Bill 824. 'Do pass Consent Calendar' House Bill 774. Representative Richmond, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, to which the following Bill is referred, action taken April 9, 1991, Reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'Do passed' House Bill 506. 'Do pass' Short Debate Status House Bill 204. 'Do pass as amended Consent Calendar', House Bill 248. Representative John Dunn, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary I, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken April 10, 1991, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'Do pass' Short Debate Status House Bill 919 and 1053. 'Do pass' as amended Short Debate Status House Bill 526. 'Do pass' Consent Calendar House Bill 1040. 'Do pass as amended' Consent Calendar House Bill 852."

Clerk O'Brien: "Introduction of First Reading of Constitutional Amendment. House Joint Resolution of Constitutional Amendment 21, offered by Representative Pullen."

WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly has enacted "The State Mandates Act" in which the General Assembly states:

"The General Assembly finds that preceding actions of the State Government in specifying the manner, standards, and conditions under which public services are rendered to citizens by the political subdivisions of this State on occasion have not resulted in equitable relationships between the State government and its local political subdivisions. Some of these actions have dealt in detail with the internal management of local governments,

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others have specified the establishment of new services and facilities without providing any new revenue sources or any financial participation by the State in meeting the additional costs; still others have specified the adoption of higher service standards without a full assessment of the impact upon local expenditures and tax rates"; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has on repeated occasions enacted legislation which has necessitated the expenditure of funds by local governments without a source of replacement funding therefor and which has been specifically exempted from "The State Mandates Act"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH 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 six months after the adoption of this resolution, a proposition to amend Section 8 of Article IV of the Constitution to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV

Section 8. PASSAGE OF BILLS

(a) The enacting clause of the laws of this State shall be: "Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly."

(b) The General Assembly shall enact laws only by bill. Bills may originate in either house, but may be amended or rejected by the other.

(c) No bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a majority of the members elected to each house. Final passage of a bill shall be by record vote. In the Senate at the request of two members, and in the House at the request of five members, a record

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vote may be taken on any other occasion. A record vote is a vote by yeas and nays on the journal.

(d) A bill shall be read by title on three different days in each house. A bill and each amendment thereto shall be reproduced and placed on the desk of each member before final passage.

Bills, except bills for appropriations and for the codification, revision or rearrangement of laws, shall be confined to one subject. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) (2) of this Section, appropriation bills shall be limited to the subject of appropriations.

A bill expressly amending a law shall set forth completely the sections amended.

(e) A bill which would require the expenditure by a unit of local government or school district of funds in order to implement that bill shall not become law unless either: (1) the bill passes with the concurrence of at least three-fifths of the members elected to each house or (2) the bill passes with the concurrence of a majority of the members elected to each house and the bill provides for reimbursement by the State to the unit of local government or school district of those funds necessary to implement it. A bill passed under this subsection (e) (2) shall not be subject to actions by the Governor under subsection (d) or (e) of Section 9 of Article IV of this Constitution but shall be subject to actions under subsection (a), (b) or (c) of that Section. For the purposes of this subsection (e), "unit of local government" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Article VII, Section 1 of this Constitution.

(f) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall sign each bill that passes both houses to certify that the procedural requirements for passage have been met.

SCHEDULE

This Amendment takes effect upon its adoption by the voters of

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this State.

Clerk O'Brien: "First Reading of the Constitutional Amendment."

Clerk O'Brien: "There being no further business, the house now stands adjourned."

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