

STATE OF ILLINOIS
88th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

7th Legislative Day

September 17, 1993

Speaker Curran: "The hour of noon having arrived the Perfunctory Session will be in order. We will be led in prayer by the Clerk."

Clerk McLennand: "Bless the House of Representatives and all who serve and work here on behalf of the people of the State of Illinois."

Speaker Curran: "We will now be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Norm Dixon."

Dixon 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."

Clerk McLennand: "Third Reading of Constitutional Amendments. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1, Special Session #1. RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, That there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 1 of Article X of the Illinois Constitution as follows: ARTICLE X EDUCATION SECTION 1. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT GOALS - FREE SCHOOLS A fundamental right goal of the People of the State is the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capacities. It is the paramount duty of the State to shall provide for a an thorough and efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services and to guarantee equality of educational opportunity as a fundamental right of each citizen. Education in public schools through the secondary level shall be free. The

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State has the preponderant financial responsibility for financing the system of public education. There may be such other free education as the General Assembly provides by law. This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon approval by the electors of this State. Third Reading of this Constitutional Amendment. Being no further business the House Perfunctory Session stands adjourned until the hour of noon on Monday, September 20, 1993."

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