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Speaker McAuliffe: "The House will be in order. The Members will be in their chairs. Representative McAuliffe in the Chair. The Chaplain for today is the Reverend Tom Baber of the Community United Methodist Church of Naperville. Reverend Baber is the guest of Representative Mary Lou Cowlshaw. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise for the invocation."

Reverend Baber: "Shall we pray. Almighty and gracious God, God of creation and Lord of history, we humbly wait together before you as we begin the work of this day. In these February days we gratefully remember Abraham Lincoln, whom You raised up in the hour of need, son of the Illinois Prairie, distinguished Member of this House, eloquent prophet of liberty and justice for all. Your humble servant who knew You to be the God beyond either side, the God of all humanity. Thank you for this witness of Your light. Make us all faithful and worthy heirs of such noble leadership. We pray for our leaders of this day, for our Governor and Legislators. Thank You for these You have called for public service, who endure long hours and daily criticism. We pray for this Body set amid the perplexity of a changing order face to face with new tasks and tough choices. Bless this House with fresh vision and renewed purpose. With right respect for our diversity differences from Naperville to Springfield, from Chicago to Orangeville, bind us in the strong conviction of our common humanity. As we strive to change society with new laws may we ourselves be transformed by Your creative and redeeming spirit. Free our leaders from narrow self interest and worn out platforms, give them minds sharp with wisdom, eyes bright with imagination, lips eloquent with truth, hearts gentle with love, all for the up building of the common

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good. In all of the deliberations of our government let us remember and represent the needy, the children, the homeless, the disabled, the poor. Give us compassion and courage to act in ways that understand the suffering of one means the illness of the whole body and the blessing of one brings joy to all. Bless, keep and guide these servants and all our citizens in this critical hour. Now and forever in Your holy spirit God eternal. Amen.

Speaker McAuliffe: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Capparelli."

Capparelli - 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 McAuliffe: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie are there any excused absences on the Democratic side?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Martinez and Kaşzak are both excused, as is Representative Laurino, who is recovering very nicely from his cataract surgery."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Thank you very much. Representative Cross are there any excused absences on the Republican side?"

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Journal please reflect that Representative Brady is excused today? Please."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Thank you very much."

Cross: "Thank you very much."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 114 Members answering the Roll, four absent and a quorum is present. House will come to order. First Readings, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bills number, Senate Bills First

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Reading. Senate Bill 19, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act relating to charter schools. Senate Bill 22, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act relating to education. Senate Bill 242, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act relating to the University of Illinois. First Reading of these Senate Bills."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Chair recognizes Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of an announcement."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Proceed with your announcement."

Ryder: "Thank you. As the Vice-Chair of the Rules Committee, I would announce that 11:30, we will have a Rules Committee in the Speaker's Conference Room."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Any other announcements? Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Probably we've gone through the whole rotation now of Speaker's and you're the closer. So with due respect to you, Sir. Two weeks ago I asked the Speaker, at that time, when we would consider the Motions to discharge committee on the issues of truth and sentencing in corrections. They said they would take it under advisement, this is now the second week, we've asked this question everyday and it's still under advisement. I would respectfully request...I now make the Motion, I am joined by five of my colleagues, to change the Order of Business to Motions in order that we may consider truth and sentencing and more police on the streets, Sir."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman moves that we change the Order of Business and go to the Order of Business of Discharge of Committee...Discharge of Motions. Would you like a roll call? On Representative Granberg's...Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought we might like to have a

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little bit a discussion on the Motion. You know, Mr. Speaker, we've made this Motion over and over and over again. The issues regarding police on the street which I'm sure the Speaker of today's date is very interested in, as well as truth and sentencing are very important to the people of the State of Illinois and yet over and over and over again our efforts to get votes on these issues have been turned back by whoever's been sitting in that Chair and Members of the Republican side of the aisle. Those of us on this side of the aisle stand for these issues, we stand for safe streets, we stand for keeping dangerous felons behind bars as long as possible. We're really dismayed that your side of the aisle, Mr. Speaker, chooses not to move these issues along. And accordingly I would join Representative Granberg on this very important Motion to protect the people of the State of Illinois from harm."

Speaker McAuliffe: "All those in favor of Representative Granberg's Motion vote 'aye'; those opposed, vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please...Representative Boland from Rock Island, is your switch broke?"

Boland: "Now there it is, it's okay now."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Okay. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Motion there are 63 'noes' and 51 'ayes' and the Motion fails. Mr. Clerk, House Bill, Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read House Bill 560."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 560, a Bill for an Act amending the Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. The required fiscal notes and state mandates notes have been filed on the Bill."

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Speaker McAuliffe: "Third Reading. First Reading, Constitutional Amendments. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 14, OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSKAM. BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH 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 add Section 1.5 of Article IX of the Illinois Constitution as follows: ARTICLE IX REVENUE Section 1.5. TAXES AND LICENSE FEES (a) A new tax or license fee may be imposed or levied only by a law passed by the vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. This subsection does not apply to a tax or license fee authorized by law before January 1, 1997 that has not taken full effect on January 1, 1997. (b) The effective rate of a tax or license fee may be increased only by a law passed by the vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. (c) Before the beginning of each State fiscal year, the General Assembly shall appropriate sufficient amounts to pay the interest on State debt, as defined in Section 9, payable in that fiscal year and to pay the principal of that State debt payable in that fiscal year, whether at maturity or otherwise. If insufficient amounts are appropriated to pay the principal and interest on that State debt when due and payable, the first revenues there after received by the State shall be set aside and applied to the payment of that principal and interest. To make up those insufficient amounts, the General Assembly may impose or increase the effective rate of taxes, license

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fees, or both without regard to the limitations of subsections (a) and (b) after the failure to pay that principal and interest when due. SCHEDULE This Amendment takes effect on January 1, 1997. (U.S. Constitution; New Article) Provides for the ratification of the proposed equal rights amendment to the U.S. Constitution. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 15, OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LANG. WHEREAS, The Ninety-second Congress of the United States of America, at its Second Session, in both houses, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds, adopted the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States of America: "JOINT RESOLUTION RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED (TWO-THIRDS OF EACH HOUSE CONCURRING THEREIN), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress: "ARTICLE _____ 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. The Congress shall have the power to enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article. Section 3. This Amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.""; and WHEREAS, A Joint Resolution is a resolution adopted by both houses of the General Assembly and does not require the signature of the Governor; a Joint Resolution is sufficient for Illinois' ratification of an amendment to the United States Constitution; and WHEREAS, The United States Congress has recently adopted the 27th

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Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the so-called Madison Amendment, relating to Compensation of Members of Congress; this amendment was proposed 203 years earlier by our First Congress and only recently ratified by three-fourths of the States; the United States Archivist certified the 27th Amendment on May 18, 1992; and WHEREAS, The founders of our nation, James Madison included, did not favor further restrictions to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the amending procedure; the United States Constitution is harder to amend than any other constitution in history; and WHEREAS, The restricting time limit for the Equal Rights Amendment ratification is in the resolving clause and is not a part of the amendment proposed by Congress and already ratified by 35 states; and WHEREAS, Having passed a time extension for the Equal Rights Amendment on October 20, 1978, Congress has demonstrated that a time limit in a resolving clause can be disregarded if it is not a part of the proposed amendment; and WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court in *Coleman v. Miller*, recognized that Congress is in a unique position to judge the tenor of the nation, to be aware of the political, social, and economic factors affecting the nation, and to be aware of the importance to the nation of the proposed amendment; and WHEREAS, If an amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been proposed by two-thirds of both houses of Congress and ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures, it is for Congress under the principles of *Coleman v. Miller* to determine the validity of the state ratifications occurring after a time limit in the resolving clause, but not in the amendment itself; and WHEREAS, Constitutional equality for women and men continues to be timely in the United States and

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worldwide, and a number of other nations have achieved constitutional equality for their women and men; therefore, be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America set forth in this resolution is ratified; and be it further RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State of Illinois to the Archivist of the United States, the Administrator of General Services of the United States, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation. Introduction - First Reading of these Constitutional Amendments."

Speaker McAuliffe: "First Reading of House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction - First Reading. House Bill 1277, offered by Representative Ryder, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Health Facilities Authority Act. House Bill 1278, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act to amend the Riverboat Gambling Act. House Bill 1279, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 1280, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 1281, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act to amend the Riverboat Gambling Act. House Bill 1282, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Unified Code of Corrections. House Bill 1283, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Academic Degree Act. House Bill 1284, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Regency Universities Act.

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House Bill 1285, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Board of Higher Education Act. House Bill 1286, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Educational Partnership Act. House Bill 1287, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. House Bill 1288, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Southern Illinois University Management Act. House Bill 1289, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the University of Illinois Act. House Bill 1290, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. House Bill 1291, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act concerning the taxation. House Bill 1292, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code and to amend the State Mandates Act. House Bill 1293, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act to amend the College Student Immunization Act. House Bill 1294, offered by Representative Pugh, a Bill for an Act to amend the Retail Installment Sales Act. House Bill 1295, offered by Representative Pugh, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Fairness in Lending Act. House Bill 1296, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Aeronautics Act. House Bill 1297, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act concerning the Sports Facilities Authority, amending a named Act. House Bill 1298, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Insurance Code. House Bill 1299, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to a referendum on bonds for correctional institutions. House Bill 1300, offered by Representative Woolard, a Bill for an Act to amend the

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Illinois Vehicle Code. First Reading - Introduction of these House Bills."

Clerk Rossi: " House Bill 1301, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Insurance Code. House Bill 1302, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Insurance Code. House Bill 1303, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 1304, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. Introduction - First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Rossi: "Introduction - First Reading of Resolutions. House Resolution 15, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction - First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1305, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy, a Bill for an Act concerning abortions, amending a named Act. First Reading of this House Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1306, offered by Representative Pedersen, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 1307, offered by Representative Pedersen, a Bill for an Act to amend the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act. House Bill 1308, offered by Representative Pedersen, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. First Reading of these House Bills."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just want an inquiry of the Chair. Are we waiting for the Tort Reform Amendment? I assume you have all the votes in line for this today?"

Speaker McAuliffe: "We're waiting for the end of the Rules Committee Meeting. Supplemental Calendar announcements."

Clerk McLennand: "Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

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Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Can you hear me? That's better. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We haven't done a whole lot the last little while and so since there is no Order of Business to change I would move that we immediately go to the Order of Motions so we can discuss the Truth and Sentencing Amendment and the Police on the Street Amendment. We aren't doing anything else, Mr. Speaker, we might as well do some business while we're here. The people in the State of Illinois would like to vote on these issues and I have at least five hands up who would like a Roll Call Vote on my Motion."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Lang, we're going to proceed to Supplemental Calendar #1. Supplemental Calendar #1, Motions in writing. Mr. Clerk, read the Motions."

Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 10, Motion offered by Representative Stephens, pursuant to Rule 313, moves to suspend Motions and requirement in relation to Senate Bill 10, assigned to the Executive Committee."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Any discussion? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Mr. Speaker. I have a previous Motion, sufficient hands were up to go to Roll Call Vote on that Motion but now I see that we're only the Order of Motions. Is your intent to go through all the Motions on the Calendar or just the ones on your Supplemental, Sir?"

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Lang, right now we're on Supplemental Calendar #1. Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a pending Motion with sufficient hands up to require a Roll Call under your rules, Mr. Speaker. And I would demand a vote on my

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previous Motion."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Lang, we're done with Supplemental Calendar #1, then we'll take a vote on your Motion. Representative...the Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I rise in opposition to the Motion. The Bill...this is identical to a Bill that passed this chamber on Friday. That Bill was not available to anybody, Member of the committee or Member of the public until about an hour before the Bill was heard in committee. It was a program that came through committee without benefit of public hearings, without an opportunity to listen to experts in the welfare community, as to the utility of its measures. The Bill nevertheless did pass this chamber on Friday. It seems to me now we have the opportunity to consider the identical measure coming to us from the Senate that it's especially important that we give all of the Members of the public an opportunity to hear this Bill. To suspend the posting requirements just means that you're on this track that is going to leave the public left at the door is going to continue legislation by backroom deals, legislation without the sunshine, the light of the public, having some participation opportunities when...when the election of Speaker happened in this House...on this House floor, we were assured that the new administration was most interested, especially interested, in seeing to it that the public had an opportunity to participate, to comment, to criticize, to help us shape our legislation, so far that has not happened. An adoption of this Motion today would make it less and less likely, that at any point in Session, the public itself will have an opportunity to participate in the work we do. We know from the discussion on Friday

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that there are many areas in which this Bill is flawed, fatally flawed. And it seems to me important, if you really want to improve the welfare system, to send this Bill in the normal course of events, to a committee for a hearing so that we can hear from interested members of the public, from the experts and fashion a Bill that will do the job I know that each and everyone of us wants to do. This Motion is not timely, it makes no sense to rush to judgement on Senate Bill 10. You already rushed to judgment on the House Bill. Lets slow it down, lets do it right, lets have an opportunity for public comment, for public debate, for public participation. I urge a 'no' vote on the Motion."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman from Jersey, Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Motion. Before the previous Speaker starting talking there was approximately 20 hours until the next scheduled hearing, I don't know how many are left now that she's finished. But the amount of notice, starting right now, so it's possible that it could be heard in the hearing tomorrow or the next day. The purpose is, it was heard in the Senate, it is verbatim, verbatim for the Bill that we passed just last week. Notice is hereby given which I believe moots any criticism by the previous Speaker or those in opposition. I would suggest that we proceed to a roll call."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker McAuliffe: "He indicates that he will."

Granberg: "Representative Stephens, Representative Ryder indicated that this verbatim to the Bill that we passed

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last Friday. Is that your understanding, this is the exact language?"

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Minority Leader Assistant Granberg, the only differences I know is that this is Senate Bill 10, the other was a House Bill. The answer, as far as to substitutive language, is yes. And I believe this whole debate right now is dilatory."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Granberg, this is a Motion to suspend the rules. Discussion of the Bill at this time is not appropriate. Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You are correct and to the Motion itself. Representative Stephens indicated this is exactly the same as last Friday, so there is no reason to suspend the Rules, to do this. What is the immediacy of the problem? We have dealt with this Friday, we have dealt with this issue, there is no need to suspend the rules. When we adopted the Rules of this House, I heard a lot of rhetoric about opening up the process. The process was going to go slow, allow intervention from all parties, all parties could hear the Motions, all ideas on every issue. And now the one time we suspend the Rules to move a Bill along we've already dealt with it. What kind of joke is this? Would Representative Stephens rather do this Bill again than Truth and Sentencing? Let's go to Truth and Sentencing, let's go to More Cops on the Street, to an issue we haven't dealt with. This is ridiculous."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Well, first of all Mr. Speaker, to object. He started bringing up other subject matter. That's not the Motion that's before us. He should limit his remarks to the Motion and I think that we should go ahead and get a Roll

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Call Vote on this or just go ahead and call a vote and move it out."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I don't understand what the big hurry is on Senate Bill 10. The Gentleman has indicated it's exactly the same Bill we just passed. If it hasn't changed then their wonderful terrific welfare Bill is over there in the Senate, let them pass it in the Senate and send that wonderful terrific welfare Bill along to the Governor. The problem is, it isn't wonderful and terrific. The problem is, that there is no interest on the Republican side of the aisle to have this Bill discussed in the light of day in a committee where it can be fully debated with proper time given to it to take...so people can take a look at it. I don't understand why we need two Bills that do exactly the same thing and furthermore I don't understand why we need two Bills that do exactly the same thing passed handfuls of hours apart. What's the point? Does anybody here really believe that there's any reason to pass Senate Bill 10 or to move it along in the process? If the folks that are serious about Senate Bill 10 are serious they're better off holding this Bill. They ought to hold it so that we can take a look at the House Bill that went to the Senate try to correct any flaws and change this Bill appropriately. So even if you believe in everything that was in the House Bill that passed here last Friday, you must be aware that some changes will be made. Why don't you hold Senate Bill 10 awhile and wait to see what those changes should be? This makes no sense, this is not good government. Let's try to act responsibly and try to at least consider some good government while we're here."

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Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Churchill."

Churchill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I hear a great inconsistency from the other side of the aisle. On one hand, they say we haven't had time to look at this, we need this, you know shed the light of day on this. This is an issue that needs to be looked at and there may be changes that need to be made to this Bill. And then on the other hand, they come back and they say, now wait a minute we debated this thing for three hours the other day, its been through a committee, its been through the Senate, everybodys seen us, we know how bad it is and we need to make changes. It sounds to me like they want to make changes. If they want to make changes, put in a Bill. I mean, you know, put in a Bill that's how you make your changes around here. We've seen this already, we have debated this, we spent three to four hours on Friday afternoon on this issue. There's nothing to this Motion, let's put it into committee, let the committee have a hearing so that the public can come in and complain about it and suggest the changes that they want to make, if that's what they wish to do. Lets put it in committee that's what we're trying to do put it in committee so that people can come in and make a determination whether they like it, don't like it or they want to change it. Lets move this now."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dart."

Dart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I got a news flash from the other side of the aisle. This is suppose to be a deliberative Body. The reason we're down here is to debate Bills, to go over them and get input from people who have greater

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expertise than most of us do. And that whole process is undermined when you sneak Bills in, you drop shell Bills, you drop the Amendment hours before the committee. That's not what we're here for, we don't get extra points for racing Bills through the Legislature, we're suppose to come up with something responsible around here. I got tired of the debate last week where we were going back and forth saying, well this isn't the best but this is what we have to do right now. Well, we should try to shoot for the best, we shouldn't be shooting here for getting extra points because we're racing this through. The previous Speaker mentioned, well put a Bill in. Well, we have be putting Bills in, unfortunately you don't call the Bills. They go into committee where we introduce ourselves to each other for third or fourth week in a row to say hello, then we don't call Bills and then we don't vote on Bills. That's what we've been doing so far. So its been sort of ridiculous to be introducing a heck of a lot of Bills here. What are you afraid of? What are you afraid of the public finding out what you're up to? You got the votes, you know you've got the votes, let's have some deliberative process here and let's get some real input here."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Chair would like to announce that the committee scheduled for noon will convene immediately following Session. The Gentleman from Will, Representative...Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. A bunch of people on the other side of the aisle got some real short memories. That's all I gotta say or maybe you weren't there or maybe you don't recall the time that then Speaker Madigan brought out a little Bill and put it on everybodys desk and it was passed out of here in five

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minutes. It was an income tax increase. So you got some real short memories and that's just one of many examples. An income tax increase blown out of here in five minutes without anytime for hearing or study. So let's just get on with the business of the House. These Bills have passed the Senate. The subject matter has already been heard here. Let's get on with the business and so we can get to our committees and have some lunch."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Schakowsky."

Schakowsky: "Thank you, Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to quote to you from a letter that was sent from Lee Daniels, our Speaker, to Michael Madigan and it says, the total lack of sunshine in public discussion in the House of Representatives must end. We will insist on open government in Illinois and on and on. We're not just talking about Members of this General Assembly. Over the weekend I have met with lots of people who are very concerned about the impact of so called welfare reform on their lives. They want to participate in this debate. It is not just us, we are talking about 500,000 women and children in the State of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, may I have some order? Could I have some order?"

Speaker McAuliffe: "Please give the Lady your attention."

Schakowsky: "We are talking about the lives of 500,000 women and children. There are flaws in these...in this legislation. There is no point in moving it ahead until we have a full discussion on behalf of those women and children. And to follow on Speaker Daniels plea for...that his...he will insist on open government. I urge us to slow down and to defeat this Motion."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The question is, the posting requirement of

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Rule 3-13 be suspended in relation to Senate Bill 10. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 63 'ayes' and 51 'nays'. And the Motion passes. Mr. Clerk, please read the next Motion."

Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 19, offered by Representative Cowlshaw. Pursuant to Rule 313, moves to suspend the posting requirements in relation to Senate Bill 19 is assigned to Executive Committee."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Any discussion? Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. I rise against the suspension of the posting notice for this Bill. This is a Charter School Bill which really should have been considered in...in the House Bill, in House Education Committee. That's where the discussion should take place, that's where the forum is for the Legislators in this Body. To suspend those Rules, put it there and move it quickly to the floor does not give the proper debate to an issue that is very, very important to everyone on this floor. Everyone here probably campaigned on education. Well let's take some time and let's look these educational issues, charter schools, waivers, vouchers. Let's look carefully at them before we move on too quickly. We've got until May or June to do this, let's take a little time and look carefully at these issues before we pass something that we probably maybe shouldn't pass. So I'd ask consider carefully voting 'yes' to suspend the rules on Senate Bill 19."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman from Effingham, Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To the Motion."

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I would like to echo my colleague, Representative Brunsvold, who suggests that, you know, we oughta hear this Bill and I think it's a piece of legislation that we ought to discuss. But I'm surprised at Representative Cowlshaw would agree to have this piece of legislation before the Executive Committee. Each and everyone of us signed up for committees of our interest and so forth. And it seemed to me that this piece of legislation dealing with charter schools should be assigned by the Rules Committee to the Education Committee where it can be discussed by those individuals who are...are familiar with the education issue. And so while...I just concluded my comments, I think it's great that we can hear this Bill but I think it's being posted to the wrong committee and I would urge you to reconsider this."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you very much. I do apologize. Mr. Speaker, the purpose of posting notices is in order that the public associations and those who are interested can come and give testimony for or against a piece of legislation. And I truly do not believe, I do not believe, that this legislation is so flawed and so against children and so not what parents want that you don't want to give people an opportunity to testify for or against this legislation. Now we certain on know that there are times in which an important issue comes up and something must be done immediately and that is not the case with this Bill. We urge you and the Sponsor, Representative Cowlshaw, to consider giving this important piece of legislation the light of day and allowing those who will affected to come and testify for or against this legislation. We know that the fast track is the time of day but we also know that the

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education of children is extremely important and it should not be something that we experiment with without allowing the parents of the children who will be affected to come and give some testimony in regards to this legislation. We urge you to remove your requests to suspend the posting notice. The notice is given in order to be Democratic to the public. This is not an...what do we say? There are no kings that have been appointed here. We're elected Bodys, we're elected Bodys to do the will of the public. And in doing that we should give them an opportunity to testify for or against our bright ideas. Thank you."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman from Macoupin, Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Assembly. I think that the last Speaker hit it right on the head. The purpose of the posting rule is not for our convince, as elected Members of the House, we should be here everyday. But the purpose of posting and giving notices is really for the purpose of the public having an opportunity to come forward in committee and this is their only time that a public person can come and testify in favor or against a Bill and have an opportunity to make a statement in front of the committee and answer questions of the committee. Now when this House Bill was advanced it was introduced as a Shell Bill, the Amendments where adopted that day and the Bill moved out of committee so quickly that no one had an opportunity, from our districts, to consider it. But let's...so let's give the people of the State of Illinois a weeks notice that they can come to Springfield and testify for or against this Bill. Let's give them an opportunity, they're the ones who sent us here last November 8th, let's not overlook their rights. I

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think this is only common sense and we should be against this Motion to suspend the posting rules."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Schakowsky."

Schakowsky: "Thank you, Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Again I'd like to quote from Speaker Lee Daniels who says that, 'Members of the House of Representatives and the public alike cannot have an impact when an Amendment is offered at the last minute on the House floor when there is no public notice or when there is no hearing at all on the subject matter'. And on public discussion in this letter he says, 'the public as well as all Members of the General Assembly will be given the opportunity to discuss Bills that have been posted and the Amendments being considered for those Bills at a scheduled committee hearing'. This kind of suspension of the Rules and posting without due notice leaves out the public and that's, I guess, what you want to do. You want to take your fast tracks Bills and you want to leave the public out of these important debates. This is wrong and you should vote 'no'."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The question is, the posting requirements of Rule 3-13 be suspended in relation Senate Bill 19? All of those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote, 'nay'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 63 voting 'aye', 51 voting 'nay'. And the Motion passes. Mr. Clerk, read the next Motion."

Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 22, Motion offered by, Speaker Daniels. Moves to suspend a posting requirement in relation to Senate 22 assigned to the Executive Committee."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Any discussion? The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I rise in opposition to this Motion. I can understand your desire to rush to judgment and to keep the public out in consideration of the Charters Schools Bill. But that Bill remember was never considered by this chamber. This, on the other hand, Senate Bill 22 is identical to legislation that is currently pending on the floor of this House. Legislation that has come out of House Committee and is pending for our deliberation and consideration. What's the problem, Speaker? Will Pate Philip not pass our Bills? You've gotta pass his Bills instead, little power struggle going on between the Senate President and the House Speaker? What's the difficulty? I would say that we should certainly, certainly respect and defend our right to deal in legislation that starts out with a H.B. not an S.B. in the title. And I think the right vote on this Motion is a 'no' vote."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I can't believe on Valentine's Day we're going to waive the school code. We're speeding into a situation where we're going to take a school code book, now most of you've got one in your district office, rather large book dealing with all of the regulations and laws we have in the State of Illinois dealing with school kids. We could...we could waive Valentine's Day, for heaven's sakes. It's this big, it's this big, the school code is bigger than this one. Throw it out, get rid of it, get rid of it, we don't need it. Mr. Black give me another book would you? I mean this really...you're taking that school code and we're rushing to eliminate it. Now that's ridiculous. This is

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really serious to suspend the rules on something as important. Charter schools is one thing, waiving the school code is another and that is very serious business. Taking all of the laws that we have passed, that our Education Committee has passed over the years, and you're just throwing the whole committee out the window. The whole Education Committee's gone, passed a Bill in one day, Governor signed it and waived it the next day. That's not what I want to do with the school code in this state and we shouldn't suspend the rules nor pass this Bill if it gets to that position. Let's vote 'no'."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker McAuliffe: "He indicates that he will."

Granberg: "Who's...who's representing...representing Speaker Daniels? Who's handling this Motion, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Churchill. Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Representative Churchill. What is the urgency for this matter, that we would suspend the posting notice?"

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Churchill."

Churchill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We want to get this Bill into a committee as soon as we possibly can and get hearings started on it so the public has a chance to come in and talk about this issue and let us know whether they agree with trying to be done or whether they don't agree. So let's get this to a committee, let's get it in there, let's have hearing on it as soon as we can."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Why do you want to suspend the posting notice though Representative? You don't want to give ample time to the

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public to come to...to come to the committee?"

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Churchill."

Churchill: "We want to get this into committee and have hearing on it as soon as we possibly can. And in order to do that we want to suspend the posting notice requirement. Normally in the past years, if you'll recall I know your memory's a little short this year, but in past years whenever we wanted to suspend posting requirements we always agreed to help you do those kinds of things. And of course now we don't get that same cooperation back. But in past years you would have come to us and we would have said fine let's go ahead and do it and we would have helped you do it."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Representative, is the reason you want to suspend the posting notice is that Pate Philip is on vacation so we're in a hurry to get this through while Pate's gone, so someone can get credit for this type of thing? Is it a race to the wire on who can get the Bills to the Governor out of their own chamber first? Have we talked to Pate about this? We're just going on our own and whoever can get there first while Pate's out of town try to get their move their agenda forward?"

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Churchill."

Churchill: "No, unfortunately I haven't been able to talk to Pate. I don't know where he is but I hope he's fishing someplace and I wish I were with him. But this is a Senate Bill and so we would be doing something as a favor to the Senate, not...I mean this would be a matter of cooperating with the Senate, helping the Senate, trying to get a Senator's Bill through this chamber. So it's not something where there is a fight going on, it's something where we're

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working together to make sure that the good of the people is done in this Body."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Well, when Speaker Philip, I'm sorry, President Philip returns I know he'll be pleased that the speaker is doing this for his own agenda. But I'm a little concerned that we're rushing this process, that we can in fact repeal school reform, the 1985 School Reform Act, that the Governor talked so well about during his address to this Body about the great reforms that were initiated in Illinois. And this Bill itself and by suspending the posting notice, we can actually repeal all the school reforms. Now I don't think this Body should be in that great of a hurry to repeal school reforms. In fact, had the Governor taken the Leadership on, this Body is suppose to be a deliberative Body, we are suppose...we deal with the merits of the issues and we're rushing this Bill through the process for no apparent reason."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "If you don't feel it's appropriate to give a posting notice for legislation that can have this amount of impact on the people of this state. It is certainly inappropriate for that side of the aisle. This is a very, very important piece of legislation that will impact all of the children of this state. If you want to unilaterally repeal all the school reforms that have taken place, that the Governor has talked about, so be it. We are not going to be part of process, we think it needs the light of day and let everyone talk and give their views on this very important matter. So I would respectfully suggest that we do not waive the posting notice, give all the people of this state the right and the ability to testify on this legislation

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before we hastily enact to repel any and all school reforms which is what this Bill will do."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, let's see what you want to do here. What you want to do waive the posting notice so that no one will be prepared to debate the Bill in committee. And what you've got here, I just want to make sure I have this straight, is a Bill that would allow by inaction either by the State Board of Education or by Mr. Philip or by Mr. Daniels according to way the Bill is written, the right or the possibility of waiving any kind of restriction on schools, teacher tenure, different courses, reporting on school bus safety and the like. So what you want to do is rush through a Bill that would enable you by inaction to waive any number of mandates. It seems to me that this needs a lot more work. It seems to me that this is rushing the process and it seems to me that really can't be anybody who legitimately feels there's a need to move Senate Bill 22 to committee this week. No one is prejudice by holding this off and posting it properly, no one at all is prejudice. This is the month of February my friends, the Sponsor to my knowledge of the Senate Bill has not requested that the House be in huge hurry to move this along. As a matter of fact, that Sponsor's not even in Springfield today. So I don't know what the hurry is, I don't know what the plan is other so somebody can write a press release saying that the GOP fast track is moving along. Well, you know, fast track or no fast track we're here to deliberate, we're here to discuss Bills, we're here to find out what's in them and we're here to let the people of our state know what's in this legislation. The process

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by which we are moving these things along today, suspending posting notices, is not what the people of the State of Illinois expect from us. The plan to continually bypass what normal procedure would be is not in the best interest of our state. This Bill is not in the best interest of public education in our state and surely is not in the best interest of the students in our state. We are doing everybody in our state a disservice by this procedure, it's wrong. People at home should know it's wrong and I for one intend to tell them it's wrong as we proceed through this process."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Gentleman from Vermillion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. First of all, permit me an observation, Mr. Speaker. I think it does wonders for the decorum of the chamber to have a sworn law enforcement officer in the Chair, I congratulate you. You've brought a...you've brought a modicum of decorum to the proceedings. And I'll talk to you about a Gentleman on the other side littering the floor, which is against Illinois law, I'll talk with you at that after awhile. If I might, let me speak to the Motion but I can't speak to the Motion at hand without going over some of the material, for lack of a better word I've heard from the other side. I tried to get a calendar from last May, May of '94 I can't quite put my hands on one. But as I recall, Motions to suspend posting requirements and discharge committee May of '94 it was not unusual to see 50 or 60 of those on the calendar. When you were writing the calendar. You know, there's no power struggle going on here the only power struggle is, the scales have tipped. The Majority vote now rests over here

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instead of over there for the past 12 years and that's the power struggle some of you just can't figure that out yet. Now when you're going to talk about the alleged merits of a Bill, such as repealing school reform passed in 1985 before the Gentleman...before the Gentleman who got so exercised over the possibility of that was even in the General Assembly, that's not the issue at hand. That's exactly...if you want to talk about the alleged merits of the Bill, that's why we're trying to put a Bill in committee so you can discuss it, bring it back to the floor and then have plenty of time to debate it. We're not on Third Reading here. You're getting yourselves all upset, you're just going to get an ulcer and I'm down to my last roll of Tums, so I can't help you. Now, Mr. Speaker, what I...what I would admonish you to do and you are better qualified to do it than most anybody in this chamber. Admonish my friends and colleagues on the other side of the aisle to stick with the Motion at hand and that is the Motion to suspend posting, not to go off on tangents about the alleged merits of the Bill. If you know what's in the Bill come over here and tell me. That's why it's going to go to committee, that's why you'll see it back on the floor and then you'll be able to debate the Bill until the cows come home. This Motion is simple, you used to run 50 of them a day the last two weeks of the Session. Confine yourself to the Motion at hand, whether or not you want to suspend the posting notice, not about all these alleged merits of the Bill. I doubt if any of you have even read Senate Bill 22, God forbid that you would. The Motion at hand is to suspend the posting notice. We are simply returning the favor that you so often gave to us and I think we're about ready to vote on the question, Mr.

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Speaker, not the alleged merits of the Bill, not some alleged power struggle between the other side of the rotunda and this chamber. I've never known this chamber to suffer...God forbid that we would ever allow ourselves to be held hostage by Members of the Senate. It's not unusual for them to go away they need naps. They've done that for years. The Senate came out a week or two ago, saw their shadow and decided to go back in and go to sleep. What's so unusual about that? Good heavens don't get exercised where the Senate is, at their age limit, they're off in a home somewhere but they'll be back, they'll be back. The Motion before you right now is to suspend the posting notice. If you're so concerned about these Bills, put them in committee and show up and testify, bring the Bill back to the floor and then my friends you can debate the merits until who knows what. The Motion at hand is to suspend the posting notice and I intend to vote 'aye'."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce Dr. Thelma Evans from Chicago and Dr. Margaret Wilson who is from Tom Ryder's district. They're both graduates of the University of Illinois. Stand up. I'd like you to know that it is doctors like these that we help when we support legislative scholarships. But to the Motion, Mr. Speaker. I think it's extremely important...I think it's extremely important that when we discuss an issue such as waiving mandates that we give an opportunity to those people who will be affected at the time that you waive the mandates or at some future date. I still don't understand, from the Sponsor of this Bill, what the purpose is of not allowing the public to testify. Now if we don't have a 24 hour posting notice it

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is difficult to get people to come to Springfield to testify for or against the legislation. It is appalling, it is truly appalling to me, that in this Body in which we are all elected that some people choose to act as if someone won by decree. That someone has all of a sudden been decreed the king of the State of Illinois and no longer is the public's opinion important. It appears to me that with the suspending the posting notices, what we're actually saying, Representative, is the public be damned. And I really think they oughta know about it."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Davis, in the future if you would submit to the Chair the names of the people you would like to introduce we would be happy to do it for you. You're out of order then. Representative Dart."

Dart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to talk about this merits of this Motion, as a speaker mentioned, we were avoiding. We want to talk about the merits of this Motion and also about the merits of Bills which we hope will be in committee to be debated. But how can you intelligently argue, debate a Bill without information from your constituents? Without information from the experts in a certain field? Without information from those who are affected by something? You can't, you can't do that. And by doing things like this you won't show that your constituents will not have an opportunity to come down here and talk about a Bill, the experts won't either. That's exactly what you're doing. What, do you expect these people to be clairvoyant that somehow they are going to understand that we are going to post...waive posting notices and these hearings are going to be held the next day? What are you crazy? Come on, you know that. A great deal of this stuff that you're talking about is pointed at

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Chicago. How are these people suppose to know about this within about 18 hours of notice and be able to get down here? They can't do that, you know that. And one of the previous speakers mentioned something about debating this Bill until the cows come home. Well, I seem to recall these five minute limits have been placed on us and I hope the previous speaker will be one of the people who will be happy to yield him time to me, when that time comes."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The question is, 'Shall the posting requirements of Rule 3-13 be suspended in relation to Senate Bill 22?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote, 'nay'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question the 'ayes' are 63, the 'nays' are 51. And the Motion passes. Mr. Clerk, read the next Motion."

Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 241, offered by Representative Weaver. Motion pursuant to Rule 3-13. I move to suspend a posting requirements in relation to Senate Bill 241, assigned to the Higher Ed. Committee."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Any discussion? Representative Deering."

Deering: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege here. You know in debate on the last Motion, our esteemed colleague, Representative Brunsvold, had a little outburst of emotion there when he threw the book. I just want to say, for the record, I seen Representative Black throw the book a few times in my short tenure here and I know Bill Black, Bill Black is a friend of mine. Representative Brunsvold you're not Bill Black when it comes to throwing the book."

Speaker McAuliffe: "The question is, 'Shall the posting requirements of Rule 3-13 be suspended in relation to Senate 241?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote,

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'nay'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, the 'ayes' are 63, the 'nays' are 50. And the Motion passes. Mr. Clerk, read the next Motion."

Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 242, Motion offered by Representative Wirsing pursuant to Rule 3-13. I move to suspend a posting requirements in relation to Senate Bill 241 assigned to the Higher Ed. Committee."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Any discussion? The question is, 'Shall the posting requirements of Rule 3-13 be suspended in relation to Senate Bill 242? All those in favor of the Motion vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there's 62 'ayes', 51 'nays'. And the Motion passes. Are there any announcements? Representative Churchill now moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, February 15, 1995 at the hour of 12 noon. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'nay'. Oh. Okay. Representative Churchill."

Churchill: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just announce that the Republicans will have a caucus at 2:00 this afternoon. Two o'clock, Room 114, Republican Caucus. Thank you."

Speaker McAuliffe: "Excuse me. Representative Flowers has an announcement to make. I'm sorry I missed her."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to make an announcement that the Conference of Women Legislators will be meeting at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2057-K. No Republicans are welcome. All Republican women are welcome. The Conference of Women Legislators will meet at 3:00. Thank you."

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Speaker McAuliffe: "Representative Churchill moves that the House stand adjourned. All those in favor say 'aye'; the opposed say 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it, in the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it. Allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House now stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 15, 1995 at the hour of 12 noon."

Clerk McLennand: "Perfunctory Session will be in order. Introduction - First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1309, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act. House Bill 1310, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act to amend the Abused and Neglected Long Term Facility Residence Reporting Act. House Bill 1311, offered by Representative Balthis, a Bill for an Act concerning examinations performed by certain financial regulators. House Bill 1312, offered by Representative O'Connor, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 1313, offered by Representative Skinner, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 1314, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy, a Bill for an Act concerning infectious and communicable diseases. House Bill 1315, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act to create the Illinois Acupuncture Practice Act. House Bill 1316, offered by Representative Schakowsky, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 1317, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 1318, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Uniform Commercial Code. House Bill 1319, offered by Representative Salvi, a Bill for an Act to amend the Credit Agreements Act. House Bill 1320, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to amend the

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Hospice Program Licensing Act. House Bill 1321, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. House Bill 1322, offered by Representative Ryder, a Bill for an Act to amend the Alternative Health Care Delivery Act. House Bill 1323, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department of Transportation. House Bill 1324, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act to amend the Children's Advocacy Center Act. House Bill 1325, offered by Representative Weaver, a Bill for an Act to amend the Wildlife Code. House Bill 1326, offered by Representative Salvi, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 1327, offered by Representative Salvi, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. House Bill 1328, offered by Representative Salvi, a Bill for an Act to amend the Workers' Compensation Act. House Bill 1329, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act to repeal the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. House Bill 1330, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act in relation to the penalties for unlawful use or possession of weapons by felons or persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections facilities. House Bill 1331, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Insurance Code. House Bill 1332, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Insurance Code. First Reading - Introduction of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction - First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1333, offered by Representative Bugielski, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 1334, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for

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an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 1335, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act authorizing the sale of insurance by banks. First Reading of these House Bills. House Bill 1336, offered by Representative Hughes, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. House Bill 1337, offered by Representative Hughes, a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code. House Bill 1338, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act concerning wireless emergency communications. House Bill 1339, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Title Insurance Act. House Bill 1340, offered by Representative Wait, a Bill for an Act concerning health care, House Bill 1341, offered by Representative Wait, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 1342, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act relating to a regional superintendent of schools, amending named Acts. House Bill 1343, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. House Bill 1344, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Illinois Community College Board. First Reading - Introduction of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Perfunctory Session will be recessed until the hour of 2:30 p.m."

Clerk McLennand: "Perfunctory Session will be in order. Committee Reports. Committee Report, offered by Representative Wait, Chairman from the Committee on Transportation, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on February 14, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 8 and House Bill 525. Committee

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Report, offered by Representative Pedersen, Chairman from the Committee on Insurance, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on February 14, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended' House Bill 561. Introduction - First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1346, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act in relation to termination of parental rights. House Bill 1347, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act to amend the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. House Bill 1348, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act to amend the Adoption Act. House Bill 1349, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act to amend the Children and Family Services Act. House Bill 1350, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act to amend the Adoption Act. House Bill 1351, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act to amend the Adoption Act. House Bill 1351, offered by... House Bill 1352, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts in relation to foreign trade. House Bill 1353, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning energy alternatives. House Bill 1354, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 1355, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. House Bill 1356, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making a direct appropriation to the Board of Trustees of State Community College of East St. Louis. House Bill 1357, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 1358, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the

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Illinois Housing Development Act. House Bill 1359, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Housing Development Act. House Bill 1360, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. House Bill 1361, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Family Resource Development Center at State Community College. House Bill 1362, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to School District #189. House Bill 1363, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 1364, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act establishing the Illinois Infrastructure Bank. House Bill 1365, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. House Bill 1366, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. House Bill 1367, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to gambling. House Bill 1368, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning energy alternatives. House Bill 1369, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to the functions of certain State agencies. House Bill 1370, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 1371, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the East St. Louis Area Development Act. House Bill 1372, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 1373, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the

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Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 1374, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 1375, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to plans for building local economies. House Bill 1376, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act the Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan Regional Planning Act. House Bill 1377, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act appropriating funds in relation to the Build Illinois Program. House Bill 1378, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. House Bill 1379, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the East St. Louis Area Development Act. House Bill 1380, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to a demonstration enterprise zone in the East St. Louis area. House Bill 1381, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation and investment in inner cities. House Bill 1382, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Guaranteed Job Opportunity Act. House Bill 1383, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Mechanics Lien Act. House Bill 1384, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act in relation to regimented juvenile training. House Bill 1385, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to a demonstration enterprise zone in East St. Louis area. House Bill 1386, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the East St. Louis Area Development Authority. House Bill 1387, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 1388, offered

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by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. House Bill 1389, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Authority. House Bill 1390, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to create the East St. Louis Public Works Advisory Planning Commission. House Bill 1391, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the East St. Louis Area Development Authority for its ordinary contingent expenses. House Bill 1392, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the East St. Louis Development Authority. House Bill 1393, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 1394, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. House Bill 1395, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Illinois Community College Board. House Bill 1396, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of pilot Enterprise High Schools and work-study programs. House Bill 1397, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. House Bill 1398, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Board of Higher Education Act. House Bill 1399, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1400, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. House Bill 1401, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the

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Public Community College Act. House Bill 1402, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. House Bill 1403, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 1404, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 1405, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to establish the Illinois Low-Income Homebuyer's Program. House Bill 1406, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment opportunities. House Bill 1407, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to student entrepreneurial districts. House Bill 1408, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. House Bill 1409, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Technology Advancement and Development Act. House Bill 1410, offered by Representatives Younge, a Bill for an Act to establish the East St. Louis Public Works Capital Development and Investment Program. House Bill 1411, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Township Code. House Bill 1412, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 1413, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making a direct appropriation to the Board of Trustees of State Community College of East St. Louis. House Bill 1414, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Board of Trustees of State Community College. House Bill 1415, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 1416, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act

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to amend the Public Community College Act. House Bill 1417, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Business Enterprise for Minority Females and Persons with Disabilities Act. House Bill 1418, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act regarding Enterprise Zones. House Bill 1419, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Nursing Education Scholarship Law. House Bill 1420, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to create the Urban and Rural Conservation Corps to address the problem of unemployment among young persons. House Bill 1421, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation for the Office of Urban Assistance. House Bill 1422, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Park District Code. House Bill 1423, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to provide for establishment of a pilot enterprise high schools program. House Bill 1424, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 1425, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 1426, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. House Bill 1427, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Family Resource Development Act. House Bill 1428, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning families. House Bill 1429, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Metropolitan Civic Center Support Act. House Bill 1430, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act in relation to adoptions. House Bill 1431, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to

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real estate installment contracts. House Bill 1432, offered by Representative Ronan, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 1433, offered by Representative Ronan, a Bill for an Act in relation to State government administration. House Bill 1434, offered by Representative Ronen, a Bill for an Act in relation to State government administration. House Bill 1435, offered by Representative Ronen, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 1436, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Board of Trustees of State Community College. House Bill 1437, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to organized gang activities. House Bill 1438, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 1439, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Family Resource Development Act. House Bill 1440, offered by Representative Barbara Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Introduction - First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Perfunctory Session will be recessed until the hour of 3:30 p.m."

Clerk McLennand: "Perfunctory Session will be in order. Committee Reports. Committee Report, offered by Representative Balthis, Chairman from the Committee on Cities and Villages, to which the following Bill was referred, action taken on February 14, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass' House Bill 573. Introduction - First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1441, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 1442, offered by Representative

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Younger, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation for a grant to the East St. Louis Development Authority. House Bill 1443, offered by Representative Younger, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Historic Preservation Act. House Bill 1444, offered by Representative Younger, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 1445, offered by Representative Younger, a Bill for an Act concerning family resource development. House Bill 1446, offered by Representative Younger, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. House Bill 1447, offered by Representative Younger, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Fire Marshal Act. House Bill 1448, offered by Representative Younger, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. House Bill 1449, offered by Representative Younger, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Housing Development Act. House Bill 1450, offered by Representative Younger, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for police officers. House Bill 1451, offered by Representative Younger, a Bill for an Act concerning the development of Illinois. House Bill 1452, offered by Representative Younger, a Bill for an Act in relation to the renovation of school property. House Bill 1453, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning placement of children, amending named Acts. House Bill 1454, offered by Representative Younger, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. House Bill 1455, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act. House Bill 1456, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. First Reading - Introduction of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House

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Bill 1457, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. First Reading of this House Bill."

Clerk McLennand: "Perfunctory Session will be in order. Introduction - First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1458, offered by Representative Biggert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code. House Bill 1459, offered by Representative O'Connor, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 1460, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 1461, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to amend the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act. House Bill 1462, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to amend the Regional Transportation Authority Act. House Bill 1463, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act in relation to nuclear safety. House Bill 1464, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to create the Hydroelectric Power Act. House Bill 1465, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 1467, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to amend the Prairie State 2000 Authority Act. House Bill 1469, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 1470, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Workers' Compensation Act. House Bill 1471, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Aeronautics Act. House Bill 1472, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Airport Zoning Act. House Bill 1473, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act relating to General Obligation Bonds. House Bill 1474, offered by

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Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Build Illinois Bond Act. House Bill 1475, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the General Obligation Bond Act. House Bill 1476, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the General Obligation Bond Act. House Bill 1477, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act relating to bond authorizations. House Bill 1478, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Build Illinois Bond Act. House Bill 1479, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Riverboat Gambling Act. House Bill 1480, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Rural Bond Bank Act. House Bill 1481, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act to amend the Circuit Courts Act. House Bill 1482, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to State government. House Bill 1483, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of banks. House Bill 1484, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Human Rights Act. House Bill 1485, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 1486, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act in relation to aggregate mining operations. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Perfunctory Session will be in order. Committee Reports. Committee Report from Representative Saviano, Chairman from the Committee on Registration and Regulations to which the following Bill was referred, action taken on February 14, 1995 reported the same back with the following recommendations. 'Do pass as amended

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Short Debate' House Bill 632."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House Bill 1487, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code. House Bill 1488, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Building Commission Act. House Bill 1489, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority Act. House Bill 1490, offered by Representative Noland, a Bill for an Act concerning the grain industry, amending and repealing named Acts. House Bill 1491, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee pensions. House Bill 1492, offered by Representative Noland, a Bill for an Act to amend the Gasohol Fuels Tax Abatement Act. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Perfunctory Session will be in order. Introduction and First Reading of Bills. House Bill 1493, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning agricultural fairs. House Bill 1494, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act to amend the Riverboat Gambling Act. House Bill 1495, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction and First Reading of Constitutional Amendments. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #16, offered by Representative Pedersen. RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH 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

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adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Article McLennand to the Illinois Constitution as follows: ARTICLE McLennand TAXPAYERS' RIGHTS SECTION 1. REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS IMPOSED Each government in this State, which includes the State and each unit of local government and school district, is subject to a revenue limit and a spending limit. SECTION 2. BEGINNING REVENUE LIMIT Each government's beginning revenue limit is equal to its highest total revenue in any one of the last 4 fiscal years before this Article takes effect. This limit is adjusted annually for the total of (1) the cumulative percentage rate of inflation or deflation since the base date, as measured by the federal implicit price deflator for State and local government purchases or its successor index, and (2) that government's cumulative percentage population increase since the base date. There is no reduction or offset for any cumulative population decrease since the base date. "Population" is determined by the most recent federal census or federal census estimate. A school district's "population" is its full-time equivalent student enrollment. The "base date" is 18 months before this Article takes effect. SECTION 3. REVENUE DEFINED; REVENUE LIMIT "Revenue" includes all amounts received from all sources, including but not limited to all taxes, fees, charges, assessments, and other receipts, except these excluded amounts: (1) amounts refunded to the payers; (2) gifts and contracts from nongovernmental sources; (3) receipts from the federal government; (4) fees voluntarily paid for hospital or public utility services, but any part of a fee in excess of the actual cost of providing that service is revenue; (5) an amount equal to a government's net cost increase required by a federal law or rule, or

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change in a federal law or rule, that takes effect after this Article takes effect, but only to the extent not offset by federal funds; (6) amounts borrowed after approval by vote of the electors; (7) amounts borrowed by issuing revenue bonds on which no payment can be made from tax revenue; (8) receipts applied to repay money borrowed lawfully, including interest; and (9) amounts excluded from revenue by Section 4 or 10. SECTION 4. REVENUE EXCLUSIONS The State revenue limit excludes, and the local and school district limits include, State revenue transferred to units of local government and school districts and applied as tax credits against local or school district taxes. Any other amount transferred between governments is counted only once as revenue, by the government first receiving it. SECTION 5. EXCEEDING A REVENUE LIMIT If a government's revenue in a fiscal year exceeds its revenue limit, its limit for the next fiscal year shall be reduced by the excess amount. SECTION 6. TEMPORARY INCREASES; REFERENDUM A government's revenue limit may be temporarily increased in an amount approved by a majority of that government's electors voting in a referendum. The increase is effective for no more than 5 fiscal years. Each referendum ballot is limited to this issue and shall not include any other proposal or subject. A referendum shall be held only on the general election day, primary election day, or one of the 2 corresponding days in an odd-numbered year. SECTION 7. TEMPORARY INCREASES; BY LAW One or more revenue limits may be temporarily increased by law adopted by at least a two-thirds vote of the members elected to of each house of the General Assembly. A unit of local government's or school district's revenue limit may be temporarily increased by not more than 10 percent, by vote of at least

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three-fourths of the whole membership of its governing body after prominent notice and public hearing. Each increase under this Section is effective for only one fiscal year.

SECTION 8. EFFECT OF CHANGES Any change in a limit under Section 5, 6, or 7 is effective only for the specified fiscal year or years and does not affect computation of the limit under Section 2. SECTION 9. SPENDING LIMIT DEFINED

Each government's total spending in a fiscal year shall not exceed its spending limit, which is equal to the sum of its (1) revenue limit for that year, adjusted for any change under Sections 5, 6, and 7, or actual revenue, whichever is less; (2) actual receipts in that year that are excluded from revenue by Section 3 or 4; and (3) net unspent funds carried over from the preceding year. "Spending" includes

all outlays for all purposes, unless expressly excluded by Section 10. SECTION 10. REVENUE DEFINED; SPENDING LIMIT "Revenue" includes all receipts for a government's trust funds for unemployment, retirement, medical, or other benefits, but earnings of these trust funds are excluded from both revenue and spending. "Spending" includes all payments and transfers into these trust funds, and excludes payments out of these trust funds for the purposes for which the payments into the trust fund were made. "Net unspent funds" excludes these trust funds. SECTION 11. NEW GOVERNMENT

If a new unit of local government or school district is created, the State shall establish its base date and the amount of its beginning revenue limit, and shall reduce the appropriate government revenue limit or limits by that amount. If 2 or more units of local government or school districts are combined, their revenue limits shall be combined. If a service or program is transferred by law among units of local government or

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school districts, their revenue limits shall be proportionally adjusted by law, with no increase in the combined limits. The State may transfer any part of its revenue limit to a unit of local government or school district, but shall not transfer any part of a local or school district limit to the State. SECTION 12. NET COST INCREASES If a State law or rule, or change in a State law or rule, that takes effect after this Article takes effect requires a unit of local government or school district to incur a net cost increase, the State shall pay to the unit of local government or school district the amount of the necessary net cost increase, and shall increase the local or school district revenue limit and decrease the State revenue limit by that amount. The unit of local government or school district need not comply with the law, rule, or change until the State has complied with this Section. SECTION 13. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS Any government plan for retirement or other employee benefits shall be completely funded within 10 years after this Article takes effect and at all times thereafter, in accordance with generally accepted actuarial and accounting principles. SECTION 14. ACCOUNTING Governments shall use consistent accounting, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, for all purposes. SECTION 15. FUNDAMENTAL AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS each citizen. Any infringement of these rights shall be subjected to strictest scrutiny. This Article shall be interpreted and implemented to achieve its purpose to limit the growth rate of revenue and spending of governments. Any taxpayer or citizen has standing to sue by individual or class action to enforce this Article and laws implementing it and, if successful, shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses of the suit. SECTION

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16. APPLICABILITY This Article applies to the first State fiscal year beginning at least 6 months after its approval by the electors. The General Assembly by law shall implement this Article and may adopt further restrictions and limits. All provisions of this Article, however, are self-executing and severable.> SCHEDULE This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon approval by the electors of this State. First Reading and Introduction of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #16"

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction and First Reading of Bills. House Bill 1496, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 1497, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 1498, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. House Bill 1499, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Officials Convicted of Infamous Crimes Act. House Bill 1500, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 1501, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "The Perfunctory Session will be in order. Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House Bill 1502, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Adopt-A-Highway Act. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 1468, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Banking Act."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction and First Reading of

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Constitutional Amendment. House Joint Resolution
Constitutional Amendment #17, offered by Representative
Kubik. RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
EIGHTY-NINTH 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 VI of the Illinois Constitution as follows:
THE JUDICIARY SECTION 1. COURTS The judicial power of this
State is vested in a Supreme Court, an Appellate Court and
Circuit Courts. SCHEDULE This Constitutional Amendment
takes effect upon approval by the electors of this State.
First Reading House Joint Resolution Constitutional
Amendment #17."

Clerk McLennand: "No further business the House Perfunctory
Session stands adjourned and the House will reconvene on
Wednesday, February 15, at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon."

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