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- Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. The Chaplain for today is the doorkeeper, the Reverend Lee Arthur Crawford of the Victory Temple Church in Christ in Springfield. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise to join us in the invocation."
- Lee Crawford: "Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Creator, who has dominion over life and death, grant to us the grace to remember with love and reverence that it takes the strength of God to sustain us, the power of God to preserve us, the hand of God to protect us, and the way of God to direct us. So, may the love of God and the peace of God be with us this day and always. Amen."
- Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Hartke."
- Hartke et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United
 States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands,
 one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice
 for all."
- Speaker Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."
- Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show there are no excused absences on our side of the aisle today."
- Speaker Madigan: "Representative Cross."
- Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the record would reflect, please, that Representative Wojcik is excused. Thank you."
- Speaker Madigan: "Let the record show that Representative Wojcik is excused. The Clerk shall take the record. There being 117 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."
- Clerk Rossi: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairman from the Committee on Rules, to which the following Resolution was referred, action taken on January 30, 1997,

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reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'be adopted' House Resolution 16. Representative Gash, Chairman from the Committee on Judiciary II, Criminal Law, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on January 30, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 182, 172. Representative Dart, Chairman from the Committee on Judiciary I, Civil Law, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on January 30, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bills 56, 66, 165,. 'do pass standard debate' House Bill 171. Representative Phelps, Chairman from the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, to which the following Bill was referred, action taken on January 30, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 170 Representative Gash, Chairman from the Committee on Judiciary II, Criminal Law, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on January 30, 1997, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 182 'do pass standard debate' House Bill 172.

Speaker Madigan: "Supplemental Calendar announcement."

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

Speaker Madigan: "On page 2 of the Calendar on the Order of House Bill Second Reading, there appears House Bill 133. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 133, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Motions?"

Clerk Rossi: "No Motions."

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- Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 153. Representative Brunsvold. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of that Bill?"
- Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 153, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Second Reading of this House Bill.

 No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments."
- Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Motions?"
- Clerk Rossi: "A Fiscal Note and a State Mandates Note have been requested on the Bill."
- Speaker Madigan: "So, the Bill shall be left on Second Reading.

 On the order of the Supplemental Calendar, there appears

 SJR #7. Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."
- Clerk Rossi: "SJR #7, offered by Representative Currie. Be it resolved by the Senate in the 90th General Assembly in the State of Illinois, the House of Representatives concurring herein, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, January 30, 1997, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, 1997 at 12:00 noon and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Monday, February 3. 1997, at 12:00 noon in Perfunctory Session and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, 1997 at 12:00 p.m."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie, on the Resolution."

Currie: "Thank you. I move adoption of the Resolution."

- Speaker Madigan: "The motion is to adopt the Adjournment Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Brunsvold."
- Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. A short announcement. Mark your calendars for March 11, the Sportsmen Legislative Caucus is having its annual reception and auction at the Hilton. And again I would remind all Members on this Floor that are Sportsmen's

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Caucus Members to start collecting a gift for the auction items for March 11th. And I'll be contacting everyone later. And also, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to meet, if I could, with all the freshmen in the back of the aisle here to talk about the Sportsmen's Caucus if they could join me in the back of the room."

Speaker Madigan: "Not at this time, Mr. Brunsvold, because we'd like to go to the order of Resolutions and there appears House Resolution 16 by Mr. Daniels. Would the Members please take their seats? Would staff please retire to the rear of the chamber? Would staff retire to the rear of the chamber? Would Members take their seats? We're on the order of House Resolution 16 by Mr. Daniels and Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

You are not forgotten loved one Nor will you ever be As long as life and memory last We will remember thee

We miss you now Our hearts are sore As time goes by We will miss you more

Your loving smile Your gentle face No one can fill Your vacant place -Author Unknown; and

WHEREAS, The members of this Body learned with great sadness of the death of Anne Marie Ryan, daughter of Attorney General and Mrs. Jim Ryan, on Saturday, January 18, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Annie Ryan was born on August 10, 1984; she was a sixth grade student at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School in Bensenville; she loved the simple things in life, and had an impact on all whose lives she touched; and

WHEREAS, Her life was a testament to higher principles and a spirit of love; and

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WHEREAS, Even in death, Annie Ryan brought together the entire State of Illinois; government leaders, friends, and loved ones from all walks of life gathered to mourn the loss and give strength to the Ryan family; and

WHEREAS, The following eulogy was delivered by Attorney General Jim Ryan in loving tribute to his daughter:

"'We can all learn from Annie.' That's what my daughter Amy said to me shortly after learning of Annie's death. Amy was right - we can all learn from Annie. Annie had a generous spirt, she was unselfish and cared more about others than she did for herself. A classmate of Annie's described her kindness by saying, 'If you forgot to bring your lunch to school, it's OK; you can always eat Annie's.' Annie was a peacemaker. She hated when people argued. She wanted people to get along - especially in her own family. Annie loved unconditionally. She loved her mother. Boy, did she love her mother. She was proud of her brothers and looked up to her older sister.

She worried about her grandmother living alone. Annie loved her cousins and had a special place in her heart for Maggie and Jenny. Kids liked her, and she had a lot of friends but her best friend was her brother Patrick. Annie idolized him, and in her eyes he could do no wrong.

She was thrilled to be an aunt, and was crazy about her niece Caitlyn and her nephew Joey. No one had to ask Annie twice to baby-sit. Although Annie can no longer be with them, I know she will be looking over their shoulders as they grow into adulthood.

Annie loved me. She worried about me having cancer, and she prayed for me every night. She hated when I flew on airplanes and was always the first one to greet me when I came home after work. We can all learn from Annie.

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Like most children her age, Annie enjoyed the simple things in life; her pet rabbit; stuffed animals; playing volleyball and basketball; watching TV with her mom; reading a book; riding her bike; family parties; and the company of other children. Annie lived life to the fullest.

Two and a half years ago, my daughter was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder. She found school very challenging. But Annie loved St. Charles Borromeo and all of her classmates. I'll never forget how excited she was to be elected student council representative.

Annie was the kind of person you wanted as a friend. She was loyal, trustworthy, caring, a good listener, non-judgemental, someone you could count on.

At the tender age of 12, she had core values. For Annie, people mattered more than things. She was quick to forgive and never held a grudge. She was kind and gentle. She took her religion seriously, and I know she loved God. We can all learn from Annie.

One of the things I will miss most is her smile. When Annie walked in, she lit up the room. I will miss her enthusiasm, optimism and especially her love. As a father, this is the worst day of my life. Separation is very painful. But as a Christian, I am reminded of the angel's admonition given to those looking for Jesus in his tomb: 'Why do you look for the living among the dead?'

So today, with my family, I lift my eyes from this coffin upwards and, with John, recall words from Revelations: 'Then I saw another heaven and a new earth. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of the heavens from God. Now the dwelling of God is with men and he will live with them. We will

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wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning.'

Annie has entered the Holy City. She is blessed and we have been blessed for having known her and we will love her until the end of time."; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of mourners were present at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church at the funeral services of Anne Marie Ryan; her fellow students at the parish school participated in the service with readings and offerings of flowers, a stuffed animal, and a school pennant; and

WHEREAS, Annie Ryan is no longer physically present among us, but the lessons she has taught us and the memories she leaves will long inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her; and

WHEREAS, Warm, kind, and generous, Annie Ryan loved unconditionally and was loved in return; her caring nature will be deeply missed by all, especially her parents, Jim and Marie; her sister, Amy; her brothers, John, Jim, Matthew, and Patrick; her grandmother, Doris Pahls; her niece, Caitlyn; and her nephew, Joey; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we note with sorrow and regret the death of Anne Marie Ryan and extend our sincere condolences to her family in their hour of sorrow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Anne Marie Ryan.

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

Attending the funeral mass for Annie Ryan was one of the

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saddest things I have ever done and truly one of the saddest days in my life. Nearly a thousand people came to mourn the passing of this beautiful child. Many waiting out in the cold for more than an hour. People from all walks and every station in life, friends, classmates, teachers, police officers, judges, Legislators, and the Governor attended this service. Constitutional officer George Ryan was there along with Loleta Didrickson, Judy Baar Topinka, and others. Some two hundred people had to wait outside during the service because there simple was no more room in the church. How tragic it is when a life lost, especially the life of a child. Everyone in attendance that day wanted to know why someone so loving, innocent and caring, in the prime of her life, could be taken from us so suddenly. I remember getting the call. was standing in the store in Elmhurst and somebody called and said, 'We can't believe what is happening to Jim Ryan's family. They've just lost their daughter, Annie.' Any parent would be horrified at the loss of one of their sons or daughters and Annie's sudden, untimely death reminds us all how fragile life truly is. Annie was extraordinary little girl, born to a extraordinary family. A daughter who loved her parents very much and who was cherished and a cherished part of her family. We all remember how much she loved Patrick, her older brother. Annie was the youngest in the family and worshipped Patrick. Though we still struggle with Annie's death, we are able to celebrate her life at the same time. As painful as it must have been, the Attorney General addressed those gathered, not as a leader of Illinois, as our chief law enforcement officer, but as a father. He showed us what Annie meant to the Ryan family and what

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special meaning Annie's life had for all of them and for all of us. In his eulogy he talked about a peacemaker. Annie hated it when people fought and argued and she wanted people to get along. The Attorney General talked about someone who loved unconditionally and knew she was loved very dearly in return by her family. Like many children, she enjoyed simple things in life, having fun with her friends, spending time with the family, enjoying sports, and being outdoors. Unlike others, Annie had a smile that could warm your heart and when she walked into the room, she literally lit up the room; and had the maturity and compassion and faith to move others to her persuasion and to her thinking. Annie lived life to the fullest. overcame the challenges of everyday life with a 'can do' attitude and a 'can do' spirit. She was the kind of person you wanted as a friend. She was loyal, trustworthy, caring, and a good listener, non-judgemental, and someone you could count on. And Annie had core values that were beyond her years. She knew people mattered more than things. She was quick to forgive and never held a grudge. She was kind and gentle and she took her religion seriously and she loved God. When Jim Ryan, as a father, spoke to all of us and talked about Annie and the very special meaning she had to all of us. He said, 'We all could learn And that day we did all learn from Annie, from Annie.' because as I looked around the church and those observing loss and our hearts pouring out to the Ryan family for the pain that they were going through, we all learned that together we can do great things and Annie brought us all together. And we all worshipped and thought about her life as one. There wasn't any difference in any of us. No one was greater than anyone else. No one meant more to people

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than anyone except for Annie, as her life represented so much of what we believe in. As a father I had trouble dealing with that day and I left the church and I thought about the many blessings that I have as a father and as a family person. And I know my thoughts were no different than any other parent, father, mother, brother, sister. And I thought to myself what Annie brought me that day was an understanding of love, an understanding of compassion, an understanding of what counts in this world. So. frequently when we fight and argue for the things we believe in, we should always take that moment to remember what it is that's important in this world, Annie, and what she believed in and what she loved. And to all of us in this General Assembly, as we go forth in this Session to argue and fight for what we believe in, let's not the spirit of a child that moved us that day. That in her short twelve years, taught us what love is all about. To Jim Ryan and his family, I thank you for what you have given to us. To Annie Ryan, I will never forget you, because you moved me that day and I experienced love and the meaning of what that all brings to us. God bless you, Annie. God bless you, Ryan family."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Kind and gentle, unconditionally loving, a sunny smile, a young woman, who was enthusiastic and who cared about her family and her friends. It is a tragedy when one so young and so lovely dies. It is a tragedy we all share but it is, of course, especially tragic for her friends and for her family. Every parent's worst nightmare happened to the Ryans that week. I hope, as the prior speaker said, we can take from this death a recollection, a remembrance that all

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the things that we fuss about in our own lives are perhaps not the most important things going. That we must be appreciative of the blessings we have of the things that are core to our values, to our families, to our own sense of self. But as we do that it seems proper to me that we send to the Ryan family, a family that we know is strong, caring, and loving. We know that we send to them our deepest condolences, our most heart-felt sympathies, and we want them to know that they and their friends and Annie's friends are much in our thoughts and in our prayers. We will join them in never forgetting this loving, this lovely young child."

Speaker Madigan: "Those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution will signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted."

There being nothing further to come before the House, the Chair is prepared to adjourn until Tuesday at 12:30, providing Perfunctory time for the Clerk. The Motion is that the House stand adjourned until Tuesday at 12:30.

Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned until next Tuesday at 12:30."

Clerk Bolin: "First Reading and then Introduction of House Bills. Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House Bill 363, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 364, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Health Maintenance Organization Act. House Bill 365, offered by Representative Ackerman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Good Samaritan Act. House Bill 366, offered by Representative Murphy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 367, offered by

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Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act to amend the Fair and Exposition Transfer of Funds Act. House Bill 368, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act in relation to public services. House Bill 369, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act concerning the House Bill 370, offered by of motor fuels. Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend the Regulatory Agency Sunset Act. House Bill 371, offered by Representative Kotlarz, a Bill for an Act 17-142.1 and to amend the State Mandates Act. House Bill 372, offered by Representative Kotlarz, a Bill for an Act State Mandates House Bill 373, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act 17-156.1 and to amend the State Mandates House Bill 374, offered by Representative Krause, a Bill for an Act Immunity Act. House Bill 375, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act authorizing and regulating the sale of insurance by financial institutions. House Bill 376, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act 17-116 and 17-122 and to amend State Mandates Act. House Bill 377, offered by Representative Hoeft, a Bill for an Act to amend the Bureau Bill 378, the Budget Act. House offered Representative Biggert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. House Bill 379, offered by Representative Roskam, a Bill for an Act to amend Sex Offender Registration Act. House Bill 380, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 381, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes, amending named Acts. House Bill 382, offered by Representative Roskam, a Bill for an Act concerning abortions. House Bill 383, offered by Representative

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Cowlishaw, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 384, offered by Representative Bugielski, a Bill for an Act amend the State Mandates Act. House Bill 385, offered by Representative Bugielski, a Bill for an Act 17-122 and to amend the State Mandates Act. House Bill 386, offered by Representative Lawfer, for an Act gambling, and amending a named Act. House Bill 387, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act concerning State real estate transactions. House Bill 388, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act to prohibit the use of DNA information as a basis for certain insurability decisions, amending named Acts. House Bill 389, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. House Bill 390, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act concerning access to emergency medical services, amending named Acts. House Bill 391, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act concerning abortions, amending named Acts. House Bill 392, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act in relation to firearms, amending named Acts. House Bill 393, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 394, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act concerning agency 395, performance review. House Bill offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code. House Bill 396, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act concerning future education accounts. House Bill 397, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 398, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 399, offered by Representative

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Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 400, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 401, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 402, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act to amend School Code. House Bill 403, offered by Representative Murphy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 404, offered by Representative Schakowsky, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 405, offered by Representative Schakowsky, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. House Bill 406, offered by Representative Scott, a Bill for an Act to amend the Consent by Minors to Medical Procedures Act. House Bill 407, offered by Representative Scott, a for an Act to amend the Highway Advertising Control Act. House Bill 408, offered by Representative Santiago, a Bill for an Act to amend the Hospital Licensing Act. House Bill 409, offered by Representative Santiago, a Bill for an Act 17-149 and to amend the State Mandates Act. House Bill 410, offered by Representative Ryder, a Bill for an Act to amend the Alternative Health Care Delivery Act. House Bill 411, offered by Representative Lopez, a Bill for an Act to amend the Regulatory Agency Sunset Act. House Bill 412, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 413, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 414, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 415, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriation bills. House Bill 416, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public

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Utilities Act. House Bill 417, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act concerning State real estate transactions. House Bill 418, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code. House Bill 419, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act in relation to a tax on firearm sales. House Bill 420, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House Bill 421, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 422, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act concerning children's health insurance coverage. House Bill 423, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an concerning managed care dental benefit plans. House Bill 424, offered by Representatives Sloan, a Bill for an Act to amend the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act. House Bill 425, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning legal assistance, amending named Acts. House Bill 426, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act to change the date of the general primary election, amending named Acts. First Reading of these House Bills. First Reading and Introduction of House Resolutions. House Resolution #17, offered by Representative Santiago. First Reading and Introduction of Constitutional Amendments. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #4, offered Representative Granberg.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING

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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 8 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 8. PASSAGE OF BILLS

- (a) The enacting clause of the laws of this State shall be:
 "Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly."
- (b) The General Assembly shall enact laws only by bill. Bills may originate in either house, but may be amended or rejected by the other.
- (c) No bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a majority of the members elected to each house. Final passage of a bill shall be by record vote. In the Senate at the request of two members, and in the House at the request of five members, a record vote may be taken on any other occasion. A record vote is a vote by yeas and nays entered on the journal.
- (d) A bill shall be read by title on three different days in each house. A bill and each amendment thereto shall be reproduced and placed on the desk of each member before final passage.

Bills, except bills for appropriations and for the codification, revision or rearrangement of laws, shall be confined to one subject. Appropriation bills shall be limited to the subject of appropriations.

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

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of the Senate shall sign each bill that passes both houses to certify that the procedural requirements for passage have been met.

- (e) After November 5, 1998, no portion of any bill shall require a unit of local government or school district to establish, expand, modify, or increase its programs, activities, or services in such a way as to necessitate the expenditure of additional public revenue by a unit of local government or school district, unless at least one of the following applies:
 - (1) the State appropriates additional funds to the unit of local government or school district that fully fund the additional expenditures necessary to carry out the requirement for each year the requirement is in effect;
 - (2) the bill passes with the concurrence of at least three-fifths of the members elected to each house;
 - (3) that portion of the bill imposes a federal law that the unit of local government or school district would otherwise be required to meet by federal law or imposes a State or federal court order, with no additional requirements imposed by the State; or
 - (4) that portion of the bill creates, expands, or modifies a specifically defined crime.

A law enacted after November 5, 1998 may not be the basis for administrative rules, restrictions, or actions that require a unit of local government or school district to establish, expand, modify, or increase its programs, activities, or services in such a way as to necessitate the expenditure of additional public revenue by a unit of local government or school district, unless the law authorizes the rules, regulations, or actions. This subsection (e) does not apply to any portion of a bill that limits or regulates the ability of a unit of local government or school district to raise revenue.

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(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon approval by the electors of this State. First Reading of this Constitutional Amendment. Having no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned. The House will reconvene in Perfunctory Session on Monday, February 3, 1997, at 12:00 noon."