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Hannig: "The hour of 12:30 having arrived, the House will be in order, Members will be in their seats. Will all unauthorized personnel, please remove themselves from the House Floor. We will be led in prayer today by the Reverend Dennis Price, with the Troy United Methodist Church in Troy. Reverend Price is the guest of Reverend (sic-Representative) Ron Stephens. The guests in the Gallery may wish to rise for the invocation. Reverend Price."

Reverend Price: "Let us pray. Our Father, we pause this afternoon to acknowledge You as the scriptures say. It is in You that we live, and move, and have our being. You have created all of us and have allowed systems of authority and government, and we thank You for the freedom that the system allows us. Thank You for the Members of this House, for their families and others they leave behind to serve people throughout this state. We pray for them, for their personal needs that they may be struggling with today. Help them to know Your presence. We pray for their work today. Give them wisdom, discernment, patience, understanding. Help them to listen and act with confidence and compassion, and may the principle of agape love, others needs before ourselves, be the foundation of all of our lives. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "We will be led in the Pledge today by Representative Silva."

Silva: - 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 Hannig: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie is recognized for excused absences on the Democratic side."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Brosnahan, Madigan and Slone are excused today."

Speaker Hannig: "The record will so reflect, and Representative Cross on the Republican side."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are all here on the Republican side."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Klingler, for what purpose do rise?"

Klingler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege. I would like to introduce this Body to an international visitor, Mr. Nabeel Gabol from Pakistan. Mr. Gabol is the Deputy Speaker of the Sind Assembly, the Legislative Body of the Sind Region of Southeastern Pakistan. This Assembly is home to ethnic and religious tensions, and Mr. Gabol has been noted for his conciliatory approach to regional and organizational conflicts. He is on a tour of our country, studying our legislative and governmental process and I hope that you all will welcome him from Pakistan. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, take the record. Representative Currie, do you have a further update on excused?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Late breaking news, please let the record show that Representative Schoenberg is also excused today."

Speaker Hannig: "There being 114 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. Representative Mautino is recognized."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. I rise on a point of personal privilege and would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Body to a

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group of students, who have travelled from all over the world. They join us at the back of the Chamber in honor of the International Student Awareness Month, proclaimed by the Governor, and we are proud to have them here to see the General Assembly in operation."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill 802."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 802, a Bill for an Act concerning Health Insurance. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Introduction of Senate Bills."

Clerk Rossi: "Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1127, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act to provide supplemental appropriations and legislative transfers for various state agencies for Fiscal Year '97 and making other appropriations. Senate Bill 1128, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act regarding appropriations. Senate Bill 1129, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act regarding appropriations. Senate Bill 1130, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act regarding appropriations. Senate Bill 1131, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act regarding appropriations. Senate Bill 1132, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act regarding appropriations. First Reading of these Senate Bills."

Speaker Hannig: "I remind the Members that there are two Senate Bills. Senate Bill 556 and (sic-Senate Bill) 1105, which remain on the Calendar without Sponsors. So, you may want to take a look at your House Calendar, on page 2, and consider picking up those two Senate Bills."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1105, offered by Representative Scott."

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A Bill for an Act amending the Lobbyist Registration Act.
First Reading of this Senate Bill"

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative
Black."

Black: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, perhaps the Chair could enlighten us as
to why there is a bear in the Gallery? I believe there is
a bear in the Gallery. Pursuant to Rule 43 (a), I don't
think bears are supposed to be in the Gallery. Would you
check on that?"

Speaker Hannig: "We'll take that under advisement,
Representative. Coach Capparelli is recognized for an
announcement."

Capparelli: "Ladies and Gentleman, tonight's the game between the
Senate and House softball teams. That is going to be over
at Lincoln Park. The players, please contact Joel
Brunsvold or Ron Stephens and be there at 5:30 to root
your team on. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, any announcements?"

Clerk Rossi: "The House Rules Committee will meet at 1:15 in the
Speaker's Conference Room. The Rules Committee will meet
at 1:15 in the Speaker's Conference Room. Regular House
Committees will begin meeting at 1:30. Regular House
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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Ryder, on the inquiry from
Representative Black on the bear in the Gallery.
Representative Ryder, can you enlighten us?"

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the order of Mr. Bill Black,
it is my pleasure to make an announcement today. It is
with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Brookfield
Zoo for its outstanding contribution made toward the
conservation of world's wildlife. Since the early 1970's,
zoos have made monumental changes to dedicate themselves

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toward educating the public on the importance of habitat conservation. An example of Brookfield Zoo's efforts were seen this morning when staff and volunteers from the zoo held a Kid's Swamp Fest, appropriately in the Stratton Office Building, teaching children about the wonders of our wetlands. On behalf of Representative Jack Kubik, in whose district the Brookfield Zoo resides, I wish to express our pleasure at having them with us today but also, for people from all over the state who visit the park, they leave inspired, educated and exhausted from a full day of fun. In fact over 50% of the zoo's visitors come from outside of Cook County. Mr. Speaker, the Brookfield Zoo relies upon dedicated volunteers for many of their programs. Today, I'd like to recognize and welcome the Brookfield Zoo volunteers that you see in the Gallery, who held the Kids Swamp Fest today: Russ Evans, Jane Klimcke, Lynn Dempsey, Mary Nodulman, Kim White, and Lisa and Dave Heim. With them are zoo staff members: Linda Flanner, Jim Schultz, Regi Mezydlo and former Senate staffer Laura Jasiek. I urge my colleagues to visit their local zoo this summer and if you are in the neighborhood, please stop by to visit the Brookfield Zoo. I want you to please recognize the white polar bear, who's a direct relative of Representative Bill Black."

Speaker Hannig: "The Chair recognizes Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to announce that the House/Senate Softball game is tonight, starting at 5:30 at Lincoln Park. We would like as many Members as possible to be there. It's a little revenge for the House, if we can get it. So, Mr. Stephens and myself and Coach Capparelli will be there to help the House Members to beat the Senate tonight at Lincoln Park. So, please if you can get there,

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please do. If you want to talk to Ron or myself about the game tonight, please do so. But, just to remind you about the softball, House and Senate Softball game tonight, 5:30, Lincoln Park. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie now Moves that allowing Perfunctory time to the Clerk, that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 30, at the hour of 12:00, noon. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it, and the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Rossi: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Second Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #IV."

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IV

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH 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 8 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

(ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 8)

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."

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(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.

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

(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;

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(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.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon approval by the electors of this State. Second Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #4. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 556, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Introduction and First Reading of Resolutions. House Resolution 132, offered by Representative Morrow. House Resolution 133, offered by Representative Morrow. House Resolution 134, offered by Representative Currie. House Resolution 135, offered by Representative Lopez. House Resolution

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136 offered by Representative Morrow. And, House Resolution 137, offered by Representative Currie are assigned to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."