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Speaker Hannig: "The hour of 12:00 having arrived, the Members will please be in their seats. The House will be in order. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Lieutenant Colonel David Grindle who's the divisional commander of the Salvation Army of the Chicago Metropolitan Division in Niles. Lieutenant Colonel Grindle is the guest of Representative Lang."

Lt. Col. Grindle: "Dear Lord, we admittedly are in awe of this morning partly because we're in this hallowed chamber where decisions are made that affect the lives of millions of Your people, but more we're in awe because we're in the presence of the God who created this vast universe, the one who knows every flower and every sparrow that falls. So, good Lord, our first prayer is asking for forgiveness for oft spoken perfunctory prayers, words crafted more to impress rather than to lead us to Your heart and that's what we need today, every day, to be securely situated in the heart of God for then we know that our words, our decisions, our actions will reflect the perfect will of God rather than the perfect will of man. With fervent heart, I pray for our elected leaders those upon whom lie the responsibility for the welfare of the people of this great state. We need to ask, Lord, what You would have us do? What would You require of us? It is a question... question that You have already answered, to act justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God. What a different world we would live in if all mankind embraced this trit... trilogy of theology, to be just, merciful, and

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humble. Then the hungry would be fed, the homeless would be clothed, the sheltered... those without homes would be sheltered and the sick would be cared for and we would find ourselves worthy of Your blessing. So, Lord, let that be our prayer for today, for every day, to be just, merciful and humble. God bless our Governor. God bless our Senators and Representatives. God bless the State of Illinois. We pray this to the one who is wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, amen."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Howard, would you lead us in the Pledge, please."

Howard - 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... Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that there are no excused absences among House Democrats today."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect all Republicans are here ready to do the work of the people."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 118 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 07, 2007, reported the

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same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 250, House Bill 357, House Bill 382, House Bill 305, and House Bill 18. Representative Fritchey, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 07, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 257."

Speaker Hannig: "On page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, is House Bill 352. Representative Holbrook, do you wish us to read this Bill? Out of the record. Okay. Representative Reitz, would you like us to read, on page 2 of the Calendar, House Bill 201? Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 201, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Read... Third Reading, Mr. Clerk. Representative... Representative Eddy, for what reason do you rise?"

Eddy: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Eddy: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if you would help me welcome a group from my Legislative District that's here in the gallery. Crawford County, Illinois, has a leadership group that meets monthly for a year to help provide leadership on issues of importance to our county and that group from Crawford County is in the gallery up here."

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Please extend them a warm welcome to Springfield. Would you stand? Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 64, offered by Representative Crespo. House Resolution 66, offered by Representative Feigenholtz. House Resolution 67, offered by Representative May. House Resolution 68, offered by Representative May. House Resolution 69, offered by Representative Howard. House Resolution 70, offered by Representative Biggins. And House Joint Resolution 12, offered by Representative Brauer."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Representative Rose, I didn't see you in your new spot."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Rose: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the chamber, many of you have constituents who attend Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. I have a number of those Eastern Illinois University students with us here in the gallery today behind us along with several University of Illinois... or University... what am I saying, Eastern Illinois University administrators and Eastern Illinois University students who are here in the gallery today. We... If they would please rise and if we could all welcome them to Springfield. I know that they'll be visiting all of us today and talking with us... with them."

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And these Eastern Illinois University students, many of them are your constituents that are looking to speak with you today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Holbrook, do you wish us to read House Bill 352? Mr. Clerk, on page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills--Second Reading, is House Bill 352. Would you read the Bill, please."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 352, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. On page 2 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills--Second Reading, Representative Bradley you have House Bill 228. Representative Bradley, do you wish us to read this Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 228, a Bill for an Act in relation to firearms. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Are there any announcements? Representative Brosnahan, do you have an announcement?"

Brosnahan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For purpose of an announcement. The House Telecommunications Committee scheduled for tomorrow morning will be postponed."

Speaker Hannig: "Are there any other announcements? Representative Currie now moves, that allowing perfunctory time for the House, that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 8 at the hour of noon. All in

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favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned. Just an announcement to the Democrats, that we're gonna have a caucus immediately. There'll be a Democratic Caucus immediately. So, for my Democratic colleagues we're down in what... Room 114."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 724, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 725, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 726, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 727, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 728, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 729, offered by Representative Ramey, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 730, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 731, offered by Representative Graham, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 732, offered by Representative Munson, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 733, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 734, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 735, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act concerning real property. House Bill 736, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 736 (sic-737), offered by

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Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 738, offered by Representative Joyce, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 739, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 740, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 741, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 742, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 743, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning construction contracts. House Bill 744, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 745, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 746, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 747, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 748, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 749, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 750, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 751, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 752, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 753, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 754, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act

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concerning telecommunications. House Bill 755, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 756, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning state holidays. House Bill 757, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning State services and public works. House Bill 758, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 759, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 760, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 761, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 762, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 763, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 764, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 765, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 766, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 767, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 768, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 769, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 770, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 771, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning State

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Government. House Bill 772, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 773, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 774, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 775, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 776, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 777, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 778, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 779, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 780, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 781, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 782, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 783, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 784, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 785, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. House Bill 786, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 787, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 788, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 789,

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offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act concerning the State Police. House Bill 790, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 791, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 792, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act concerning special districts. House Bill 793, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 794, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 795, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 796, offered by Representative Graham, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 797, offered by Representative Meyer, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 798, offered by Representative Meyer, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 799, offered by Representative Meyer, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 800, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 801, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 802, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 803, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 804, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 805, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 806, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning State

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 824, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 825, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 826, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning State finance. House Bill 827, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 828, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 829, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 830, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 831, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 832, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 833, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 834, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 835, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 836, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 837, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 838, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 839, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 840, offered by Representative Ramey, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 841, offered by

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Representative Ramey, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 842, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 843, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 844, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 845, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 846, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 847, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 848, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 849, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 850, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 851, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 852, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 853, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 854, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 855, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 856, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 857, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 858,

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offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning interstate compacts. House Bill 859, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 860, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 861, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 862, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 863, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 864, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 865, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 866, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 867, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 868, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 869, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 870, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 871, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 872, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 873, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 874,

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offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 875, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 876, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 877, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 878, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 879, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 880, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 881, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 882, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 883, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 884, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 885, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 886, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 887, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 888, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 889, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 890, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 891, offered by Representative

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Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 892, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 893, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 894, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 895, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 896, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 897, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 898, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 899, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 900, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 901, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 902, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning unemployment insurance. House Bill 903, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 904, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 905, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 906, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 907, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 908, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act in relation to

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taxes. House Bill 909, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 910, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 911, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 912, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 913, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning guardianship. House Bill 914, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 915, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning senior citizens and disabled persons. House Bill 916, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 917, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 918, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 919, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 920, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 921, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 922, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 923, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. This has been a First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendments. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #11, offered by Representative Black.

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH 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 8.1 to Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 8.1. ROAD FUND DIVERSIONS

No bill that has the effect, directly or indirectly, of diverting money from the Road Fund shall become law without the concurrence of at least three-fifths of the members elected to each house.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been a First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #11. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #12, offered by Representative Mathias.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH 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 Article

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VIII of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 2 as follows:

ARTICLE VIII
FINANCE

SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

(a)The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the estimated balance of funds available for appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of every department, authority, public corporation and quasi-public corporation of the State, every State college and university, and every other public agency created by the State, but not of units of local government or school districts. The budget shall also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of the State and such other information as may be required by law. Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget.

(b)The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State. Appropriations may become law only with the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year.

SCHEDULE

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This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #12. Introduction of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution #13, offered by Representative Tryon. This Resolution is referred to the House Rules Committee. Committee Reports. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 07, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 3, House Bill 28, House Bill 167, House Bill 264, and House Bill 272. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Local Government, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 07, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' for House Bill 310, House Bill 12, and House Bill 169; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 4, and House Bill 334."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative McCarthy, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 07, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 330. Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 07, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s:

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'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 316. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."