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Speaker Lyons: "The House will come to order. The Members are asked to please be at their desks. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Bill Pyatt, who is with the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Mt. Zion, Illinois. Pastor Pyatt is the guest of Representative Flider. Members and guests are asked to please refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers. And our guests in the gallery are also asked to rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Pyatt."

Pastor Pyatt: "Let us pray. Creator God, the giver of life and the source of strength in our hope for tomorrow, we give thanks for the blessings of this day. We know, Lord, You've given us many friends and colleagues for which we are grateful. Others have entrusted to us their concerns and their dreams, and the people of this state look to this Assembly to shape laws and policies that will bring hope and promise for all our residents. So we thank You for the opportunity for crafting fair and honest policies and good and gracious deeds this day. Oh Lord, You've given us meaningful work to do and we're grateful. Now shape our gratitude that we may become generous for those who are empty and help us to be patient with those who are without purpose. You have given us bounty of food and we are grateful. Move our gratitude that we'll be willing to work towards offering avenues of outreach to the hungry and promise of a brighter future for those whose resources and stations in life are bleak. Bless now those who gather in this place. Give the gifts of discernment. Give the gifts of wisdom. Give the gifts of vision. For those who lead

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here, grant them the patience of cooperation. To those who debate here, grant them clarity of thought. To those who decide here, grant them the courage for truth. Keep ever before us the broken places of our lives, places with disappointment and despair. Set our ears to hear the cry of the poor. Set our eyes to see the needs of the sick and the lame. Set our hearts to beat to the rhythm of a world filled with peace and security. And help us to work with all people of good will, both in this place and beyond in order that this state might be a signal of hope and fulfillment. In Your mighty name we pray this day, Amen."

Speaker Lyons: "We'll be led today in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Lisa Dugan."

Dugan - 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 Lyons: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader, Barbara Flynn Currie, Democrats."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the excused absences of Representatives Boland, Burke, Dunkin, Fritchey, and Turner."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mike Bost, status of the GOP."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Coulson and Sommer are excused today on the Republican side of the aisle."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 110 Members responding to the quorum

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call, we do have a quorum present and prepared to do the State of Illinois's business. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measures were taken February 11, 2010, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'direct floor consideration' for Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 2 and 3 for House Bill 2240. Representative Moffitt, Chairperson from the Committee on Fire Protection the following committee action taken on February 11, 2010: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 4815. Representative Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II - Criminal Law reports the following committee action taken on February 11, 2010: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 5148 and House Bill 5150; do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 4715; and do pass Standard Debate for House Bill 4675. Representative Verschoore, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on February 11, 2010: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 4973, House Bill 5122, and House Bill 5128; do pass as amended Standard Debate for House Bill 4627. Representative Flider, Chairperson from the Committee... Committee on Electric Generation & Commerce reports the following Committee/action taken on February 11, 2010: do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 4649. Representative Hamos, Chairperson from the Committee on Mass Transit reports the following Committee action taken on February 11, 2010: do pass as amended for... do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 4654. Introduction

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of Resolutions. House Resolution 906, offered Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 907, offered by Representative Jackson. House Resolution 912, offered by Representative Reboletti. House Resolution 913, offered by Representative Reitz. House Resolution 914, offered by Representative Graham. And House Joint Resolution 97, offered by Representative Bradley. These Resolutions are referred to the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Mike Zalewski for a point of personal privilege."

Zalewski: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Me and Representative Biggins would like to welcome the seventh and eighth graders from St. Barbara's grade school in the great village of Brookfield. Welcome to Springfield. They're here to see the people's business today."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to Springfield. Enjoy your day. Glad to have you down at the Capitol. Representative Bob Pritchard, yo... a point of personal privilege, Representative?"

Pritchard: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I can have everyone's attention, please. This weekend is Valentine's Day, February 14. On this particular day, we're celebrating something that's not quite so joyous in DeKalb, Illinois and it has nothing to do with the earthquake this week. It has to do with the tragedy two years ago on Valentine's Day when five students were shot in their classroom. This Sunday we're holding remembrance services and I invite any of you, in the western suburbs in

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particular, to come out at 3:00 on Sunday for laying a memorial wreath and at 6 p.m. for a candlelight vigil and remembrance. And it is remembrance that we want to do and that we owe these students. Gayle Dubowski, a sophomore, a 20-year-old from Carol Stream who was majoring in anthropology. Catalina Garcia, another sophomore, a 20-year-old majoring in elementary education from Cicero, an individual that brought great pride to her family for going on to school. Ryanne Mace, a sophomore, 19 years old from Carpentersville, majoring in psychology and had impressed everyone with her love and compassion. Daniel Parmenter from Westchester, a finance major who had just joined the NIU Starr newspaper and had impressed people with his hard work and devotion. And lastly, Julianna Gehant, an individual that had already served her country for 12 years in the U.S. Army and the Army Reserve over in Bosnia. She found that her life direction was taking her to elementary education and she was a junior, a 32-year-old junior, who was going to bring vast experience and life lessons to her classroom. These five individuals must be remembered. The way they gave their lives must be remembered. And we must move forward as a Body to deal with the violence in our society and most importantly to give people hope that they can break out of the lifestyle they might have to a better life through education. And all of us in our districts are struggling with people who are unemployed, who can't find jobs, who don't have skills. These five individuals are showing the way that education can help change lives. Let us not forget them. Keep NIU and these students in your

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prayers this Sunday and join us in DeKalb, if you can.
Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "May they rest in peace. On page 7 of the Calendar under Resolutions, we have House Resolution 870. Leader Barbara Flynn Currie on House Resolution 870.

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. This extends the deadline for a report from the Family Law Study Committee to the end of December of 2010. I'd appreciate your support for the Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 870 is adopted. On page 6 of the Calendar under Amendatory Veto Motions, Representative Mautino has Senate Bill 1936. Representative Mautino. Hi, Frank. You've got a Bill, Senate Bill 1936."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to accept the Amendatory Veto on the special service areas. This has been agreed to. It's gone through the Revenue Committee. It has been worked on to make sure that the taxpayers are treated favorably and in a better situation, put at no risk during the refunding of bonds. I simply ask for an 'aye' vote. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Representative Mautino moves to... The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

Black: "Thank you. Representative Mautino, I don't often see an Amendatory Veto in February. So, it's been a while since this has taken place. The Governor's Amendatory Veto made two changes. It removed language that limited the maximum principal amount of the refunding bonds. Why would you want to remove language that would say how much money... how many dollars that you could..."

Mautino: "That's... thank you..."

Black: "...issue?"

Mautino: "...very much on that question. It's specifically because in the language of the Bill the total debt service cannot be higher. That's the consumer protection that was... and that's what the Governor did."

Black: "So, they... the Governor had to..."

Mautino: "The principal may be higher, but the interest rate has to be so much lower that net - net it cannot be any higher in any instance."

Black: "Well, now wait a minute. The debt amount can be higher, but the interest rate must be lower. So, then how do you pay off the debt?"

Mautino: "The combination of the principal and interest for this debt service by that combination would be either the same or lower. It may not be any higher than the previous issue, go that's..."

Black: "May not be. Okay."

Mautino: "It would still be paid off and it can be no higher than any previous issue."

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Black: "These instruments of debt would cover things like.. give me an example."

Mautino: "Like sewers. Infrastructure."

Black: "All right. So.. So.."

Mautino: "Special.. it's a special district."

Black: "Okay. A special service district for sewers. I'm familiar with that but there are special service districts.."

Mautino: "Additionally, street lighting.."

Black: "Right."

Mautino: "...those type of things which... anything unique to a small group, an area. Say someone has created a subdivision outside of the.. maybe their.. the limits there and they need it to get lighting, water, fire hydrants out to that area, detention ponds.."

Black: "Okay. As I recall in my home town of Danville they have a special service district called Downtown Danville, Inc. And it was to try and maintain the facade and the shopping ambiance of downtown with the advent of shopping centers. I'm not sure how well that worked. They levied.."

Mautino: "Would that be a TIF District.."

Black: "No, no."

Mautino: "...or special service?"

Black: "Not a TIF district. They levy a small assessment I believe only on property owners in what they call the Downtown District. So would that be covered under this Bill?"

Mautino: "If it's defined as a special service area.."

Black: "Okay."

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Mautino: "...yes. I don't know your particular instance..."

Black: "Okay."

Mautino: "...in Danville, but if it is designed as a special service area then it would fall under this. So the taxpayers within that district, if there was a refunding of bond, could never have a higher payoff. The debt service could not be higher through combination interest, principal."

Black: "I assume that this has already been accepted... the Amendatory Veto has already been accepted by the Senate. Is that correct?"

Mautino: "I'm sorry... I was talking to Mr. Ellis."

Black: "Was the Amendatory Veto... has it already been accepted by the Senate?"

Mautino: "Yes, it is. That's actually why we're getting it so late here. They sent us this over yesterday... the day before yesterday and we went ahead and filed it..."

Black: "Alright."

Mautino: "...in order to meet that."

Black: "Not that it makes a great deal of difference to me, but did it clear the Senate unanimously or was it a... with a number of 'no' votes? I don't have that information in front of me."

Mautino: "One second, Bill. It was 48 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no' and 1 voting 'present'."

Black: "Oh, that 'present' vote really bothers me because you can say so many things with a 'present' vote."

Mautino: "It is a very, very deliberative Body."

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Black: "Yes. 'Cause I had... as you'll recall, 'present' votes are becoming fodder for campaigns lately. It's... it's amazing. Even a presidential campaign. I know many of us who served in the General Assembly when the President served in the General Assembly were asked by the national media, What is a 'present' vote? One of the more interesting discussions I've ever had with a national news media person. And I managed to thoroughly confuse her and she's never called me back. But thank you for your forthright answers."

Mautino: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lyons: "No one else seeking recognition, Representative Mautino moves to accept the specific recommendations the Governor has made to Senate Bill 1936. All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Joyce. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 108 Members voting 'yes', 1 Member voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the Motion, having received the Constitutional Majority and specific recommendations of the Governor to Senate Bill 1936, are accepted and the Bill is declared passed. On the Order of Third Reading's on page 3 of the Calendar, Representative Franks, you have House Bill 2516. Out of the record. Representative D'Amico, on page 3 of the Calendar under House-Bills Third Reading, you have House Bill 4673. Out of the record. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black. Representative Lang, on page 4 of the Calendar under House

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Bills-Third Reading, you have House Bill 4775. You care to call your Bill, Sir? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4775, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lou Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Today if you're driving your boat you have something called a lanyard which is attached to the engine in case of emergency it can cut off the engine. Through new technology we have something now called wireless lanyards so you don't have to be wired. All this Bill does is add wireless lanyards to the current law. It's a simple Bill which has no opposition. I ask your support."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 47... The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Randy Ramey."

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Ramey: "Real quick, Representative. Is... does this have to retrofit any other boats or is it for any new sales?"

Lang: "I'm sorry. I couldn't hear you, Sir."

Ramey: "Do you have to retrofit the current boat or does this apply to new sales... new boats?"

Lang: "No. You don't have to retrofit anything. This would simply allow... it's not mandatory. It would allow someone to use a wireless lanyard. So, if they wanted to retrofit, they could, but there's no requirement that they do so."

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Ramey: "So, it's because we have the current statute that requires it, correct?"

Lang: "Correct."

Ramey: "The lanyard. So you're just adding this on as an extra safety feature."

Lang: "That is correct, Sir."

Ramey: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

Black: "Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Lang: "He awaits your questions, Sir."

Black: "Yeah. I don't know... I don't understand the Bill at all. I used to own a boat and I know what a cutoff switch is, but I didn't have the lanyard or the wire attached to me and you got thrown out of the boat, the boat kept going. So, he's talking about it being hardwired... hardwired to what? If I fall out of the boat, how does the engine cutoff? If there's nothing attached to the operator to kill the ignition, how is the cutoff switch work?"

Lang: "Well, it's a very good question, Sir. As you might know, I'm not much of an outdoorsman and I don't do this myself, but..."

Black: "I find that hard to believe."

Lang: "The folks that... the folks that came to me about this said that... told me that this is just an additional safety feature so that if you do fall out of the boat this wireless gadget is attached to you and can shut off your engine if you do fall in the water to stop the boat."

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Black: "So rather than have the actual kill switch wired to the operator... and it's usually a thin piece of rope... a lanyard attached to... and they generally don't rec... don't recommend that you have it around your neck for obvious reasons... it's usually attached to your swimming suit or your... if you're wearing sneakers or a Bass Weejuns or whatever, you put it on your shoelace so that if you are bounced out of the boat as you move the wire moves which kills the ignition which kills the boat. Now, you're telling me that an operator is going to have somewhere on their body an electronic device that the operator would then have to initiate either a switch... I've seen operators knocked out of boats and off of ski... Ski-Doos who have been unconscious when they hit the water. The whole purpose of a kill switch is to physically wire it to the operator. When the operator is no longer in the boat, the device attached to the operator automatically kills the boat. Now we're... you're talking about a wireless device... I assume... it could be, I suppose, Velcro to your wrist or your arm or other places I don't want to even imagine... but what... if you're thrown out, do you then have to activate the switch or does water activate the switch?"

Lang: "Sir, this is a sensor that perhaps you would sew into your swimming trunks and there's an additional sensor that..."

Black: "Well, is that a sensor or are you just glad to be out in your boat? That's the old joke."

Lang: "This would be a... this would be a... the other sensor would be on the engine and so they would be connected wirelessly. And if you get a certain distance from the... if the two

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sensors get too far apart, the engine shuts off. And so you don't have to do anything. You don't have to activate anything."

Black: "So, the sensor would be activated by distance not water?"

Lang: "That's correct, Sir."

Black: "Well, that makes sense because you're going to get wet on your watercraft, so that wouldn't work. But if you get up from the seat... if you're in a power craft... a powerboat... if you get up from your seat to go back and see if... maybe you heard something in your IO drive that didn't sound right... so, you left the driver's seat and just... it could take 5 seconds... you walk back, you may lift up the console, you may look at your gas gauge or just see if you think everything's working right on your inboard/outboard drive, then it looks to me like you're going to kill your boat. Now how far away do you have to be? Because you can move around on some of these watercraft devices three to six feet."

Lang: "Well... So I'm told, Representative, that this Bill is specifically designed to help bass fishermen who sit on the back of their boat and with the wired lanyard they can activate the cutoff switch. And while they're sitting on the back of the boat with the wireless lanyard then they wouldn't activate the cutoff switch. So... and I'm certain there's a way to... if you decided to walk away or go farther... far away from the engine while the boat was running... I don't know why you would... but I'm sure there's a

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way to turn that off as well with... especially with the modern technology that we know exists today."

Black: "Lou, in all seriousness, I don't understand how this would work. And I realize technology has made great advances. If it's a wireless device that you can disable, then you have a potential problem in remembering to reenable the switch. If water were to impact the switch, then it's useless because you're going to get water on you or on the device when driving either a personal watercraft that operate at very high speeds or even a ski-boat or a pleasure boat that can also operate at a relatively high speed... 20, 25 knots would not be unusual. One of the more popular watercraft today is commonly referred to as a float boat which could be 25 feet in length and the icebox... the entertainment center is generally at the back of the boat. So, if the operator, who leaves the console... who's steering the boat, operating the throttle, with a wireless device if he or she decides to go back to the cooler and get Gatorade or some high-energy drink my fear is they're going to wander too far away and that will cut off the engine. So I'm afraid the... knowing how operators and how I used to work, you would... if I had one of these I would put it down. I would put it in a storage container in the float boat. I'd walk back to get in the refreshment center or whatever. Some of them even have barbecue grills on them. So, I... if I did fall overboard, at that time, then the device is stuck in a storage area 18 inches from the throttle and the steering mechanism. I fall overboard and there's nobody else on the boat, I'm going across the lake to pick up

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friends and family members, then I don't think the boat stops at all. It just continues. I don't know how this law came about. No boat owners contacted me about this and I have a good friend that was in the boat business for years. The current situations is relatively foolproof. You have an... a lanyard attached to you and if you walk away that either pulls out the key or it breaks the connection and the boat will stop. And electric device to me has more questions than I think it has answers. And because of that and because when I was much, much younger I not only had pleasure craft I worked as a lake safety patrol officer, I don't see how this would work. It appears to me that it might be the brainchild of a company that wants to sell this elec... electronic device. I've not read anything about it in any of the powerboat magazines that I read and for that reason... not certainly anything having to do with the Sponsor, a good friend and a man I hold in high regard, this to me raises more questions than it gives answers and I cannot in good faith vote for the Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Lang to close."

Lang: "Thank you. With all due respect, I think Mr. Black has overcomplicated the Bill. This is a Bill that takes a safety mechanism and brings it into modern times with new technology. It was proposed by boat safety people, approved by boat safety people, and the Nation... the National Marine Manufacturers Association thinks it's a good safety mechanism for boats in modern times. And I would recommend 'aye' votes."

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Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'All those in favor of House Bill 4775's passage vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative D'Amico, Representative Reboletti. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 101 Members voting 'yes', 9 Members voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 6 of the Calendar, we have under Concurrences House Bill 2240. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Leader Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. I move that the House concur with Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to House Bill 2240. As amended what this measure does is to say that the Governor will make his speech... his budget address to the General Assembly and the people of Illinois on March 10, 2010. And on February 24 he will let us know what the budget numbers look like in terms of both spending, availability, and revenue sources. The Legislature and the public will have the opportunity between February 24 and March 10 to weigh in on important budget issues, and let the Governor know what our priorities and what the public's priorities might be. I would be happy to answer your question, and I hope you will join me in supporting the Governor's request, a request that has been made by Governors of both Parties over the years to delay the address from next Wednesday to Wednesday, March 10. Happy to answer your questions."

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Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Roger Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Eddy: "Representative, I want to make sure I heard you correctly. One of your last comments, I think you stated that the delay was something that has been... I thought you said agreed to by both Parties?"

Currie: "No. What I said was that Governors of both Parties have asked..."

Eddy: "I see."

Currie: "...for delays in making the budget address and Legislatures have traditionally exceeded to those requests. I would hope we would do the same for this Governor this year."

Eddy: "Okay. Well thank you for the clarification. I misheard it. There was a little bit of noise in here. I just wanted the clarification. Now, can you tell me what the reason is for a delay at this point?"

Currie: "I think there are two. First, I believe the Governor believes that the transparency that putting the revenue picture online will be, in terms of the public, means that he may get some good ideas for budget making before he's required to make the budget address. And I think also because this is going to be a very difficult budget year, I think he needed additional time with his agencies to figure out how we can make things work in terms of living within our means. But as I say, it's not unusual. Many Governors

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over the years have asked for this opportunity and I think it would behoove us to say yes."

Eddy: "Well, I just... I have a couple of concerns related to putting off the... the information that may be necessary to construct budgets at the local level. For example, as you know, it could possibly be a very difficult budget year for schools. We've heard that. We know that built into the education budget last year was about \$1 billion in federal stimulus money that without replacement of some type of revenue could result in some substantial cuts to grant programs and even to areas that up 'til now have been pretty well protected like general state aid. To go along with that, school districts have to, by law, inform personnel 60 days prior to the end of the school year whether or not those individuals will return. I guess my concern is without a clear signal at least from the Governor's standpoint in the manner of a budget address that's given earlier that job becomes more difficult."

Currie: "I think the important point here, Representative, is that information about available revenues, all of the estimates of available revenues, all the information about expected liabilities including payments to the pension fund and so forth will be available not just to you but to the general public on February 24. So if the question is, will we know enough and when will we know it, the answer is we will have access to those numbers on February 24. You may make written recommendations to the Governor about priorities and those will be published on the Web site."

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Eddy: "And actually I appreciate the fact that that approach is being taken so that it's transparent, that information can be received, but the kind of specific information that you would get from a Governor indicating the priorities for the budget from his standpoint will come later if we give him more time rather than earlier. And I would just say that that makes it more difficult for providers and especially school districts who face other statutory deadlines to make the decisions that they need to make. And it just seems as if in this situation we need the information as soon as possible and this puts off what is an inevitable bleak picture."

Currie: "I don't agree."

Eddy: "You don't agree that it would be better to have the information earlier so that you can make..."

Currie: "I applaud the Governor for being interested in finding out the public's priorities before he makes the budget address. And the fact that the information will be available not just to you and me but to all the people on February 24, I think is a plus. We've certainly had budget addresses later than March 10. I think this Legislature can do its job under the timetable this Bill proposes."

Eddy: "Representative Currie, I... I know you have a vast amount of experience and understanding of this process and I respect that, but I have to respectfully disagree with a couple of points. Number one, this year especially I would think that the sooner we know what the priorities of the... the Governor of the State of Illinois are, the better off we are for planning purposes in order to deal with what's

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going to be a very, very difficult year. Number two, the Governor has been in the executive office for over a year now. We've seen monthly forecasts of revenue. I think everyone has a pretty good idea that we're facing a pretty steep cliff. Why he has not been able to, at least at this point, plan for a budget address that would point out those priorities, I think it's not excusable. I think that was a leadership role. He could have put a Web site up a month ago, planned back from the original date, accomplish the same kind of transparency and input that you're talking about and he failed to do that. I think that the people of the State of Illinois shouldn't have to wait. Schools districts shouldn't have to wait and other providers because the Governor didn't think of this earlier. He should have done it earlier and it's not the responsibility of everyone else to react to that lack of planning. I would request that this Body look at this as what it is. It's just an attempt to put off and deflect the responsibility for this to others rather than assuming the leadership role, present a budget in a timely manner so others can make decisions that are appropriate regarding services that they can provide at the local level. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Mike Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "The Sponsor yields."

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Bost: "Now, Leader, I need to know, is the date that's set in the Constitution, what is the actual date that... that we should do this?"

Currie: "The third Wednesday in March. It's statutory, I believe."

Bost: "Statutory."

Currie: "That's why we're able to change it statutorily..."

Bost: "And last..."

Currie: "...as we did for Governor Edgar more than a time or two and for Governor Thompson."

Bost: "Right. And I'm not going to go back and talk about Governor Edgar. We're having to deal with this right now. And I'm also going to be very honest that last year, we know, we came and we moved this date and I thought it was a very wise thing to do because we had just impeached Governor Blagojevich, he had just taken over and it made sense that he wasn't ready. That made sense. But you said something that he's wanting to do this because he wants to hear from the people. You said something like that. What was that?"

Currie: "Yeah. So, on February 24 the Governor on his Web site will make available to us information about the estimated revenues that we will be allowed to appropriate, information about expected liabilities including, for example, payments to the pension funds, and he will invite us and he will invite the people of the State of Illinois to identify some of their spending priorities that can then help guide him as he delivers the budget address March 10."

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Eddy: "Okay. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Let me tell you that I don't have to have a Web site to tell you that my constituents already know what's a priority. The priority is, is that you do your job. You do it on the day that the Constitution says and you come forward and you present the budget so that we, their Representatives, can get to work on a budget. You're delaying a process and the people are getting tired of the games that are being played. Nobody has to put a Web site out to know we're broke. We're broke and it needs fixed. Ladies and Gentlemen, you vote for this you're delaying the process again. Let's get to work. Ask the Governor to do his job so that we can do ours. Let's get it done. Get him in here. Let's direct his... let us... let him tell us what his budget plans are, give us a blueprint so that we can get to work. It's about time and our constituents... you don't need to poll them on a Web site. I can poll them in the coffee shops every day and I know you can too. They want us to get busy and they want him to get busy and fix the problem. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Rosemary Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Mulligan: "Representative, you alluded to the change in the date during Edgar and Thompson but was it a fact that the adjournment date was June 30 rather than May 31? So, I mean, that makes a big difference."

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Currie: "But we have done that at times when we have had a May 31 date, Representative. And remember the state budget does not go into effect until July 1."

Mulligan: "You know, I honestly don't care when he presents it quite frankly for the simple reason that it is what it is. That he uses humane does that mean they're going to gas in the chamber this time so that we all don't feel the pain? I mean, we have not done a good budget in I don't know how many years. Last year the Governor presented a budget. We let him do it later because he had just come in, and then we proceeded to throw it out in lump sums and make a total fiasco of it. If we would spend the time between now and when the Governor presents his budget to actually go into appropriation hearings where we sit down with the agencies and on the points in the Governor's letter we actually are updated on where the money is and how much money there is. Nobody is even envisioning that this is going to be a good budget year. I don't care when you present the budget. It's going to be a tough, hard thing to do. So, if he presents it in March, what difference does it make one way or the other if we start going over where we're at now? And if we would get those pledges that he's actually going to and that the Speaker would actually convene regular appropriation hearings like we used to have so we could actually go over where we are now in line items and where we're going to be as we start into the new fiscal year and then actually get together on a reasonable budget. I think this is going to be painful for all of us. So, basically partisan or not I don't care when he presents it, we're

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going to have the same problems and I don't think it's going to get any better. Between now and March if it gets any better it will only be because the Federal Government has increased things they're going to give us or the economy has picked up. And if we're hoping for that to bail us out of this deep abyss that we're in, I don't think that's going to happen. So, accommodate him. Who cares whether we accommodate him or not. I hope he uses a teleprompter this time and I hope we certainly get the things on our desks. The disks that we need. The meetings that we used to have the night and the days before with his people so that we can go in with our staffs and listen to what's in that budget so we can starting off whether it's February or March with some informed amount of information that we can move forward in to try and make the best of a really bad situation for this state. I don't... I don't care what the Bill says. You know, if you want to move it to March and you can accommodate that, fine, but I'd like some accommodation from the Leader because the Governor doesn't send or set the time we go into appropriation committees. We don't go in until after he presents the budget. We should be in now seeing what's actually in this year's budget and where we're at. If that was accomplished, at least we'd be doing something between now and the time he presents this woefully bad budget."

Speaker Lyons: "No one seeking further recognition, we'll recognize Speaker Madigan and then Representative Barbara Flynn Currie to close. Rep... Speaker Madigan."

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Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'll be very brief. I support the Bill. This is a reasonable request from a Governor who has just come through a contested Primary Election with a difference between he and his challenger was one point. So obviously his attention has been somewhat diverted because of the election. Now he's making a reasonable request for a delay in the presentation of the budget. In the meantime, he's offering new ideas on how people can access information about budget making, estimated revenue, and anticipated expenditures. I would hope that what we're hearing from some in this Body does not indicate what we can expect as we go forward. Everybody needs to be involved in the worst budget crisis in the history of the State of Illinois. This is not the time to stand and say no, don't grant a reasonable request from a Governor seeking a short delay in the presentation of a budget. I would recommend an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Currie moves that the House shall concur in Senate Amendments #2 and 3 to House Bill 2240. All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The 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 Bill, there are 65 Members voting 'yes', 44 Members voting 'no', 0 Members voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #2 and 3 to House Bill 2240. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby

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declared passed. Representative Black, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Black: "I was seeking recognition before the vote. Don't sit up there and shake your head at me, Tim. My light was on before the vote was called."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Black, with all due respect and I mean this with all due respect, I announced that the final speaker on the issue would be Speaker Madigan. You weren't on the House Floor, with all due respect."

Black: "I hurried back here as fast as my little legs could carry me. So, in other words, if you aren't on the floor when you make the call we have no right to ask questions?"

Speaker Lyons: "I make the call, Mr. Black. You know the parliamentary procedure goes..."

Black: "Oh, I know the parliamentary procedure. You know, I have visited some banana boat republics and I've watched their parliamentary procedure and there is a great deal of similarity. I would just like to say this, in the worst fiscal crisis the State of Illinois has seen since the Great Depression we can't even give a damn budget message on time. So let him deliver the budget message in March which leaves the General Assembly about six weeks to figure out how to get out of a \$12 billion hole that your side has dug. No wonder you didn't want any questions. You don't want any answers. You don't want to give any answers to questions. You don't even know how the hell you got in this hole. So, no, I don't blame you. I wouldn't want to answer any questions if I was on your side of the aisle either. So continue your games. Obfuscate, blame

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everybody else. It couldn't have been us. You've run every lever of power in this state for eight years. Are you proud of it? Are you proud of what you've done? Look at it this way, maybe you can sell some state assets to that pawn broker you nominated for Lieutenant Governor, maybe he can give you enough money to get out of the damn hole that you built."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Bond, Representative Ron Stephens, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. And while you're talking to the pawn broker I wonder if you could have him recommend somebody 'cause they know people in every walk of life who could exam the electricians... the electronic voting system here because I swear that I pushed the 'no' vote on that last Bill but I see that according to the electronic record and the one and only Tim Mapes who keeps track of all of these things that somehow my vote from my finger to Tim Mapes brain there was a mis... miscommunication. So I would like to be rec... the record to reflect that had my vote been recorded I would have voted 'no' on 2240, the Amend... the Motion to Concur."

Speaker Lyons: "The Journal will reflect your intentions, Representative."

Stephens: "You are a gentleman and a scholar."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Sir. So are you. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 883, offered by Representative Colvin. House Resolution 905, offered by Representative Bradley. House Resolution 908,

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offered by Representative Stephens. House Resolution 909, offered by Representative Hernandez. House Resolution 910, offered by Representative Froehlich. House Resolution 911, offered by Representative Froehlich. And House Joint Resolution 96, offered by Representative Mautino."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Barbara Flynn Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, just having witnessed what unlimited amounts of money can do to a caucus, I've filed a Resolution to discharge the Rules Committee of House Bill 5008. Under the applicable House Rule 54(a), Section 2, all Motions will be assigned Standard Debate status. I wish to debate my Motion to Discharge. Upon the conclusion of the debate, I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49, Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, which is generally disregarded here, any vote shall be by a record vote whenever five Representatives shall so request. I am joined by at least five Members on my side of the aisle to so request. We wish a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge the measure House Bill 5008 that simply says if campaign limitations on all of us are good enough then campaign limitations and spending limitations are good enough, for the four Legislative Leaders. That's all the Bill does. It treats the four most powerful people in this Body and across the

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rotunda the same as all of us. I move for the immediate discharge of House Bill 5008."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Speaker Michael Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, I've listened to the Gentleman's Motion. I have in front of me a summary of the Bill, House Bill 5008. It reads, with respect to campaign contributions to a candidate, political committee from a political Party political committee makes the limits that apply during the General Primary Election cycle apply during any election cycle. Mr. Speaker, I object to the Gentleman's Motion and at the appropriate time, I'd like to speak to the issue."

Speaker Lyons: "In light of Speaker Madigan's objection, the Motion to Discharge fails for lack of unanimous support. Mr. Black."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, I'm absolutely shocked and appalled by Speaker Madigan's objection. If I were the Speaker of the House, I might be led to object too, but I've been here 25 years, not much longer to go, hope I can leave on good terms but I'm not going to leave here like anybody's lapdog. I've seen firsthand from both sides of the aisle what unlimited dollars from the Speaker, the House Minority Leader, the President of the Senate, and the House or... the Senate Republican Leader, I've seen what that money can do. I've seen a race where \$900 thousand was put in to by the President of the Senate. I've seen House races where both sides have put in more than 600 thousand, 700 thousand dollars into a race for a seat that pays \$66 thousand a year. Is it about good government? I don't think so. Is

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it about how you obtain power? Better yet, is it about how you retain power? I think so. I know the Speaker and I have great respect for him. And I don't think and I've never had a Republican Leader ask me for anything although I've seldom been on the receiving end of money from the House Republican Leader. But I know what both Leaders ask for. They don't ask for a 'yes' vote on every single Bill. I'm not saying that they do. But I am saying they generally ask for one vote when they give that kind of money or staff assistance or in-kind whether it's the leader of the political Party on both sides of the aisle. And that question generally is, can I have your vote for Leader of our caucus. Now if you just were given a half a million dollars and three crack staffers and partial royalties of Parliamentarian Ellis' next book what's your answer going to be? Sure... yeah... I'll vote for you. Is it any wonder in my 25 years here I've only seen one instance of any kind of serious attempt to dislodge a Leader? It wasn't on your side of the aisle, it was on ours. You can't overcome that. You can't overcome the money. You can't overcome the influence. And you can't overcome the power that these four people have over the process. And am I endangering the Bills that I've asked to be out of Rules Committee? Probably am. Probably won't see very many. Why? Punishing me? I don't care what you do to me. I could care less. Only people you punish when you take that attitude are the people who come to my office, who voted for me, who want me to file a Bill to redress some grievance that they think they have. You don't punish me.

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You just punish the people we're supposed to represent. You can send me out of here at the end of the year in any way, shape, or fashion. I'm not leaving with my tail between my legs. I'm not leaving with my head down because I know every day, every day that I've been here, I've tried my best. Haven't always succeeded. Haven't always done things the way perhaps I should have, but by God, none of you can say when I leave here in a few months that I didn't respect the process and I didn't try to maintain the highest standards of what we could be, not what we are so often. But what we could be. And this is one of those Bills that could make this place a little more Representative democracy. That's why the four Leaders don't like it, although my Leader has signed on to it. I don't think Speaker Madigan will. He made that obvious last spring. No reform Bill was going to pass with that restriction in it. No way. No how. Mr. Speaker, you're a remarkable man. You have tremendous capabilities and abilities. I respect you. I respect the discipline you have and I respect the institutional knowledge that you have. But I can tell you this, you're just a few months younger than I am, our time is passing. A generational torch is here whether we like it or not. The new generation isn't going to do what you and I have been used to. I came up probably the same way you did but in a different part of the state. I know what it's like to work on campaigns at the age of 16 and 17. And we did things then that would absolutely be castigated in every way. As a 17-year-old, one of my jobs to work precincts was to hand

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out half pints of whiskey. Am I proud of that? No. It was an accepted part of working precincts many, many, many years ago. I've changed. I know in some respects you've changed, but it's a generational change, Mr. Speaker. You can't stop it. I can't stop it. And it shouldn't be stopped. Business as usual is on its last leg. Will we be the last state to reform ourselves? Will we and must we continue to be the laughing stock of all states of the union? Will we continue to be the only state in the country who has the biggest city in that state could have a quorum of aldermen who are convicted and have spent time in the federal penitentiary? Must we be the only state that may well have two successive Governors in prison? Must we be the only state in which pay-to-play should be the state motto? Or are we really going to try and change. Change isn't easy, Mr. Speaker. It isn't easy for me. It isn't easy for you. It isn't easy for any of us. I wanted to stay in this chamber. My desire was to drop dead on the House Floor. Oh, there's lots of people who have offered to help me. I love this chamber and I love this process. But I love more what it could be. What we could make it be. Not what it is. I'm not the only person leaving, Mr. Speaker, because of sheer frustration with the way things are done here. You have people leaving on your side of the aisle who are every bit as frustrated as I am. And there are people on my side of the aisle leaving not because we're burnt out, not because we aren't capable, not because we don't want to stay here, but after a while when you beat your head against a brick wall day after day, week after

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week, month after month, and you find out the brick wall isn't damaged at all and all you have to show for it is a headache, it's time to go. It's time to debate House Bill 5008. It's time to end the culture of cash in the State of Illinois. I'm disappointed that we couldn't debate the Bill. I think it has some merit. It may have passed. It may have failed, but you, Sir, don't even give us that option. You don't give anybody on this floor the alternative to debate a concept... an idea whose time is coming whether anybody on this floor wants it to or not. It will happen. I hope I live long enough to see it. Mr. Speaker, I'm disappointed in the objection. I would move to overrule the ruling of the Chair. And I would ask for a recorded vote on our Motion. And our Motion at this point can only be, we move to overrule the Chair by not giving us... and I dare say some people on your side of the aisle, an opportunity to debate what we know is going to happen. I don't know why we'd insist on delaying it. It's time to stop being what we are and working on becoming what we can be, and move this state from the sewer of politics and corruption to the shining state in which I was born and a political career that my father gave to me and I promised him when he passed I would never ever do anything to Sullen his memory or to Sullen the view in which the voters have held me in my district for more than 12 terms. It's time to stop. It's time to start a new day. And why do we persist in delaying the inevitable? I move to override the Chair."

Speaker Lyons: "Speaker Madigan."

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Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this concerns campaign finance. It concerns the Bill that was passed last year and signed by the Governor. At the time of the drafting of that Bill and during the negotiations with the groups that had come to the Legislature in support of the Bill, there were serious negotiations regarding limitations on spending by political committees. In the end there was a compromise. The compromise provided that in Primary Elections... in Primary Elections a candidate or any candidate in a political Primary Election would have limitations put on giving by political Party committees. So again, any candidate whether for the Legislature, for Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, judgeship, county board, the giving by political committees, a county committee, the state committee, there'd be limitations on the giving in the Primary Election. That was the compromise. My position throughout the negotiations was that in terms of a General Election the purpose of a political committee... a political Party committee is to support the candidates of its party. So why else would you have a political Party committee unless those committees were to support the candidates of the Party? My position was that in General Elections all political Parties should not have restrictions on spending. And it's important to understand that pursuant to federal statute... federal case law where there is no coordination... no coordination between a candidate and a political committee then under federal statute and federal case law there can be no limitations on

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spending. That's why at the federal level you see so many groups spending so much money during the course of a General Election and in those instances, there's no coordination with the candidate. So that has to be understood that were the Illinois law to be changed it would be superseded by the federal statute and the Federal Law on spending in the General Election. Some might say, well, what's wrong with that? In my view what's wrong with that is that if you were to do that in the Illinois statute you'd build a trap into the statute where people would be told, well, just don't coordinate and then you can spend whatever you want to spend. But it's a trap because you're in the middle of a heated political campaign. There's a temptation to think, well, we're not suppose to coordinate. We're not suppose to communicate but who's ever going to know? And so somehow or another we'll coordinate. We'll communicate. We'll be able to spend as much as we wish to spend. Nobody will ever know. Nobody will ever get caught. So it's a trap in the statute designed to unfairly tempt people to do what they should not do. Those were... those were the arguments that were advanced in the negotiations a year ago. My understanding of House Bill 5008 is that it does not just apply to leadership committees; it would apply to all political committees. It would simply take what happened in the case of the Primary Elections, extend it to the General Election and therefore it would be a restriction on spending by all political committees. And I say again, the purpose of a political committee is to support its candidates. The purpose of the

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Democratic National Committee is to support candidates for federal office all across the nation, same purpose for the Republican National Committee. That's the purpose of the State Democratic Committee and the Republican State Committee, support candidates in General Elections. And for all of those reasons, I've objected to the Gentleman's Motion. And I would request a 'yes' vote to support the Chair."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Tom Cross."

Cross: "Mr. Speaker and to all of us... all of you on the House Floor, and with all due respect to you, Mr. Speaker, I heard several times in your explanation and the reference to your position and your views and therein lies the problem. There are 177 Members in the House and the Senate and one person dictating how we're going to run this state is unacceptable. As Bill Black said, and I wont get it correct, but those days are over and if they're not, they should be over. Everybody in this state involved in this system or otherwise acknowledges that we have a problem. We have become the laughing stock of the entire country. And when one person dictates whether or not a Bill or a concept, an idea, a new thought can be debated or not, that's not a democracy. That doesn't work. And while I find it ironic that you want to say that it won't work under the scenario of a General Election, it's okay because... or it's not okay because it wont work under the General but it worked under the Primary scenario. There's some inconsistency there. This was not a compromise. This was a take it or leave it Bill that the Governor signed,

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who at the time of the signing said it was not a whole loaf. That we needed to do more. That this did not accomplish what needed to happen. Every reform group in the State of Illinois that worked on this said this is a start. We need to finish the job. Every editorial board that opined on this said it was a start and that was the kind way they approached it, that we needed to do more. Everybody in this chamber knows we didn't get the job done. The people of the State of Illinois know we didn't get the job done. Why can't we have a vote on this Bill? If you don't like it, take it to committee and kill it. But we can't even have a vote on the very essence of the problem... one of the problems of this state. Can't even have a vote it. Nope, I've decided we're not going to have a vote on it. I've decided. I'm the one person. Ain't going to happen. I will tell you when you can have a vote. I can... I will tell you when a Bill gets to Rules. I will tell you whether or not this Bill's going to go forward and get to the Governor's desk. One person in the State of Illinois has decided that campaign finance reform is done. One person has decided that four Legislative Leaders... and I confess and know that I'm one of them... will have more power as a result of the Bill that passed not less. Every Member in this chamber loses power and money under the Bill that passed and the four Legislative Leaders get stronger. Why on earth do you let that happen? That's almost comical. You let the Speaker get even stronger and the President of the Senate even stronger, the Minority Leaders even stronger. We regulate everybody else. We're going to

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spend this Session regulating everybody else in the State of Illinois. You're a business, we're going to regulate you. You're a homeowner, we're going to regulate you. You're a not-for-profit, we're going to regulate you. You're a lobbyist, we're going to regulate you. But we're not going to regulate the four Legislative Leaders because that would... that would... well, mainly because a couple of them aren't going to let it happen. Not mainly, the only reason we're not going to regulate us is 'cause two people won't let it happen. Governor wants it. Every single one of you on the other side of the aisle, when you're asked about it, will say to the press or to the public or to a constituent we need to go further on campaign finance reform. Yeah, but the Bill won't get assigned to committee. I can't vote on it, but if it did, I would. When are we going to quit the charade? When are we going to change the system? This is one way to change the system. This is one way to finally say what you always say to all of us at night at dinner, or at some establishment, or in your offices, or wherever we run into each other, we really need to change this. A couple of people have too much power. We've got to do what they say. You complain about it all the time to everybody. And here's one opportunity, a pretty significant opportunity, to say, I'm not going to let it keep going. I'm going to stand up... And that's tough to do, isn't it? None of us like doing that. We don't like to challenge that person with authority 'cause that's tough. And it's awkward. And there can be some repercussions. And there can be some big ones.

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But if you're ever going to do it, now's the time. This can set the tone for this Legislative agenda, for this Session, and for the future. Now's the time to say enough is enough. I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, I respect you. You do a good job, but on this issue we need to move forward. On this issue time... now is the time to change the way Illinois government operates. Now is the time to say to the people of Illinois, we got it. We heard you. We're going to make a change. A significant change. I don't like being the laughing stock of the country. I don't find any joy in that. There's nothing humorous about that. It affects all of us. And this is one way to restore a little credibility and integrity to the people's House and to the people's Senate. We can do it. You can do it. For those reasons, I would ask you to vote with us on this Motion. This is the golden opportunity to say to everybody, we heard you. We're going to move forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Roger Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just want to make a couple of points. Yesterday, I had a... had a group here from Crawford County, Illinois, that came down to the House Floor and had the opportunity to talk about the process with them. And I talked about the committee process and I talked about the Rules Committee and I talked about how this works and one of them asked a question regarding why... how does happen that a Bill isn't able to be debated that we're interested in back home? We have some issues... what happens? So, well, there's this committee called the Rules Committee and

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I explained it and I explained the power involved and you know, I remember the look in their eyes. The look in their eyes when I described to them how their government really works... when they found out that this... this chamber and this government of the people is controlled by an individual it was like they were punched in the stomach. It's like they got the wind knocked out of them. Are you kidding? That's how this works? One person? Then one of them said, well, then, that one person... that one person can, if... if they want to stop a Bill that maybe some individuals who can make huge campaign contributions... that person deals with those groups and that can possibly influence. I said, bingo, that's what we have. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this... this is a great opportunity. We had last spring momentum. We had gotten to a point where we were... we were disgusted as a Body. Our Constitutional duty was fulfilled and we impeached and removed a Governor. We had momentum. But then something happened. We had House Bill 24. Go back and look. I'm not going to do it, but I could name multiple Members on both sides of the aisle that... that supported a Bill that at the right time was doing the right thing. But what happened? I went back just a few minutes ago... you know how many people removed themselves as a cosponsor from House Bill 24 that had the kind of limits that we're talking about in House Bill 5008? You know how many people removed themselves? Zero. Why didn't you remove yourself if you didn't think it was the right thing to do? But right now you have an opportunity, if you really believe in what you believed in a year ago, to

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override the Chair. And I know it's not an easy thing to do. But if your name is still on House Bill 24 and you believe in that concept and you didn't remove your name, how you going to vote in a couple of minutes? You going to have any courage? Are you going to vote your convictions? You going to vote for what you signed up for a year ago, real campaign contribution reform or are you going to vote because you have to because you're afraid. Call it what it is. You're afraid of voting for your conviction. And what are we talking about here? Are we talking about voting for House Bill 5008? We're not. We're talking about discharging that Bill from Rules so we can have a full and open debate about it. Speaker Madigan just a few minutes ago started the debate. He had some points that he wanted to make regarding the Bill. That's what the process is supposed to be about. If there are some... some issues related to it bring those out here. We always have debates on Bills where people say, I think it's a mistake because of this problem with the Bill and someone else will counter that and we have a full and open debate on it and then we get to vote 'yes' or 'no', right. Why can't we vote 'yes' or 'no' on what could be one of the most important changes we can make. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the combination of power and money has resulted in a corrupt state, one that has become the laughing stock of this country and maybe the world. We have to end that. You have the power to do that. How do you do that? What's the first step? How do you begin on that process? You start by making the vote to at least debate the Bill. That's

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all. If you're convinced later that's it's not the right way to go, you can vote against the Bill. You know, it's time. Those watchdog groups last year... you remember what they said? They said, okay. We'll take what we can get right now. But they also said they vowed to fight another day. You remember that? They were going to fight another day. Today's the day. Today is that day. Have the courage... have the courage to vote your conscious. Override the Chair and let's debate this and we'll go home and talk to the people about how we really want their government to change."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I have a unique privilege in this chamber for several reasons. I've only been here seven years, but I'm about the same vintage as the Speaker and Mr. Black so I've spent a few years on this ball of mud. I also have the privilege of representing a predominantly rural area of northwest Illinois, part urban, part rural. And the reason I call that such a significant privilege is I write weekly columns and 17 newspapers are kind enough to write what I print. I work very hard at staying very much nonpartisan and I speak often with great praise and admiration for Speaker Madigan. And certainly as we worked last year on the Legislation to create campaign finance reform, I was literally dumbfounded by the reform groups who made the statement, the one thing we absolutely will not accept is all of the power only going to the Legislative Leaders and that's exactly what we did. But throughout all of this my

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admiration and respect for Speaker Madigan, arguably the most powerful politician in the State of Illinois, my respect for him has always been there. And then the day before yesterday he creates a YouTube. And I'm sure it's been watched by everybody in this chamber. And let me just give you a little quote because he put it on YouTube. He obviously wanted the world to see it. Those do-nothing dropouts over there. That would be us on this side of the aisle, the dropout do-nothings. And there were many more Scathing attacks that we don't come to the alter. And I will have to tell you, Ladies and Gentlemen, I was amazed. I was astounded. And I was at a loss to understand how something like that could come from the man who has led this chamber with great respect of both political Parties year after year after year. But once again he now rises not only to be the proud Speaker of the House which he truly is but now two days ago he has decided to refer to us as dropout do-nothings. Maybe... Maybe it was just me. I took it very personal. I don't think I'm a dropout. I don't think I'm a do-nothing. I would love... I would love nothing more than to see this opportunity to discuss something that is so important for every citizen of the State of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I plan on, unlike Mr. Black, being around here for many more years. I hope I continue to have the privilege of serving with you, but I have to tell you, Sir, that YouTube was a cheap shot."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Gentleman from Crawford made... made some very good points. But Lieutenant, you have

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just reminded me that of the Speaker's remarks of yesterday and I was a little offended when I was called a dropout because, Speaker Madigan, I was a dropout. I dropped out of college. I dropped out of college when my friend Billy Boehme was killed in a helicopter crash in Vietnam. So sometimes when you use words... I don't know somebody that I know said words have meaning. So, I don't know why you chose to go there but you did. But I do have a hint as to why... you know, normally when Representative Black makes a Discharge Motion or one of our Members makes a Motion that your side objects to the Majority Leader or one of the other Members... any Member from your side that will do as they're told... will make the Motion to object. But not today, not today. Why is that? I believe it's to send a message. I think that the message is clear. And I think that the Speaker's remarks earlier made it even more clear. I heard him say that behind closed doors a compromise was made, a deal was cut last year. And I... I, the wise Speaker of all, know that we can't make any more changes. I know and so that's the way it will be. A compromise was made last year. Mr. Speaker, I would... I would suggest that the ways of your thinking are numbered. I believe messages have been sent throughout the country, most recently in the State of Massachusetts. What were those people upset about? They were upset mostly that their government wasn't listening to them. That their government had lost touch with their problems. They were upset that their government had spent nine months talking about a problem that no one seemed to have a real grasp of while job after job was lost

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and no one was listening. They were mostly upset that across America in chambers like this with Leaders like you we live one way and force them to live another and those days... those ideas are over. It is a new day in America, where people will be heard whether you like the way they deliver their message or not. They will be heard. The days of single power brokers, the old style Chicago machine, is dead. It's going to die right here in Illinois. We will see to it and ironically we'll see to it by your very actions... actions today. Today is the beginning of a new day for Illinois and a new day for America and we have Mike Madigan to thank for it because he wants to hold on to every bit of power he can for as long as he can to dominate every thought that he can so that he can say... Well, I don't know what he wants to say. I don't know what he's going to say to his grandchildren about that because it doesn't sound like something you'd want to share with your family."

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Stephens, you were the final speaker. Mr. Black, I know that your name was used in debate. You did address the issue already if you'd care to follow up with a few remarks. Keep them brief if possible, please."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much, I'll be as brief as possible. There's little I can add to the eloquence of House Republican Leader Mr. Cross. The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy, I think said it very well. What's so sad about what we are about to vote on many of you think that you are voting on House Bill 5008 and you're not.

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You're simply voting on an opportunity to possibly debate House Bill 5008 which the Speaker started the debate on 30 minutes ago. The ceiling didn't fall in. The chandeliers didn't fall down. He debated the merits or the demerits of House Bill 5008 for some time giving reasons and rationale why it may not be a good Bill and it may not be a good Bill. But as Roger Eddy and Leader Cross clearly said, all we're asking you to do is to let it be discharged. By overruling the Chair, you will let House Bill 5008 to the floor and we can hear a full and complete debate from Speaker Madigan, who's a brilliant attorney and I'm sure he can enlighten us on the recent Supreme Court decision that may be what we want to do, we can't do. I don't know that all of us completely understand the recent Supreme Court decision. Why, maybe it's a good idea; maybe it's not a good idea. I thought that's the way the process was supposed to work. That's what I loved about this institution when I came over here. It's why I still love the institution because on most days... well, on some days... that is the way it works. Legislation is debated. Weaknesses are pointed out. Strengths are made even more stronger by Amendment and debate. The Bill will pass or fail. I've brought many Bills to the floor that I thought were positively brilliant. They didn't pass. I've brought Bills to the floor that I thought were somewhat strange. They passed. I've brought Bills to the floor that I couldn't even remember why I brought them. Luckily for me I tabled those. But all we're asking you to do is to overrule the Chair to allow House Bill 5008 to be sent to

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the floor to be debated. There's no guarantee it will pass. It may not pass, but we've already had a pretty good debate on it. We won't... but just to start, that's all we're asking you to do. I don't know why it's so hard sometimes to do that. I don't think Speaker Lyons will take it personally if you vote to overturn the Chair. I got to be in the Chair off and on when the only two years of my 25 I was in the Majority. I enjoyed it. I think I was overruled on occasion. You don't take it personally. But you're not voting on the merits of House Bill 5008. You're voting on a simple Motion to overturn the Chair and the objection to the Bill and let the Bill be debated. And after that debate, then you can vote on the Bill and go back home to your constituents and tell them why you voted for it or why you voted against it, but many of you are going to hide behind this parliamentary maneuver. And there'll come a time... newspapers aren't what they were when I came down here. The press boxes were always full. Both sides of the aisle. They had lots of newspapers with dedicated staffers who were assigned to the... Springfield. We had radio stations and television stations and the media business has changed, but the message still gets out. Albeit, perhaps in a different form. It gets harder and harder to hide from electronic means, and blogs, and all of the stuff that goes on today. So, why not just do what I think many of you want to do anyway. Vote to overturn the Chair to allow House Bill 5008 to come to the floor, be debated fully, the weaknesses, the strengths examined and then we'll vote on the Bill next week. The week after,

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whenever... whenever we're allowed to have a vote. That's the way this process is supposed to work. That's the way we can strengthen the democracy that we're suppose to and swear to uphold when we're inaugurated. We can't do that when we hide behind parliamentary maneuvers that say, well, I would have voted for it but it didn't get to the floor. I urge you to vote 'yes' to overturn the Chair. I mean, I urge you to vote against the Motion to sustain the Chair. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' All those in favor in supporting the Chair vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Mr. Bost... take the record. On the Motion, there are 64 Members voting 'yes', 46 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. The Chair is sustained. Representative Will Davis for an announcement."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. In lieu of what just took place, I hope that we can still recognize and realize that February is Black History Month. And so I'd like to take this opportunity to invite everyone... I believe you all got fliers to the Annual Black Caucus Soiree on Tuesday beginning at 5:30 at the Governor's Mansion. We hope that you all will join us. And for those of you who in the gallery, if you're going to be here on Tuesday, please join us as well. Come enjoy some good food and great African entertainment. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Clerk, Adjournment Resolution."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Joint Resolution 93, offered by Representative Currie.

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, February 11, 2010, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 12:00 noon; and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 1:00 p.m."

Speaker Lyons: "All those... Representative Lang moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I want to be very careful. I don't know how many... I'm not sure we can make political statements on the House Floor after our ethics reform, but I just want... as we leave for a Lincoln's birthday and the Douglas, King, Lincoln Banquet that many of us are going to be attending over the weekend... I just want the record to reflect, Mr. Speaker, I still like Art Turner a whole bunch."

Speaker Lyons: "Seeing no further business to come before the House of Representatives, Representative Lang moves that

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the House stand adjourned 'til the hour of 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 16. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House stands adjourned 'til the hour of 1 p.m. next Tuesday, February 16. Have a good weekend everybody. Have a wonderful Lincoln's birthday weekend and please drive safely on the way home. House stands adjourned."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6058, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 6059, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6060, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6061, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance, which may be referred to as the Women's Health Insurance Justice Law. House Bill 6062, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6063, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6064, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 6065, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6066, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 6067, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning

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regulation. House Bill 6068, offered by Representative Jehan Gordon, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6069, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6070, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 6071, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 6072, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6073, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6074, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6075, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6076, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning violent offenders against youth. House Bill 6077, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 6078, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 6079, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6080, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6081, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6082, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6083, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6084, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning liens. House Bill 6085, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill

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for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6086, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 6087, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 6088, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 6089, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6090, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6091, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 6092, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6093, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6094, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6095, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6096, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6097, offered by Representative Walker, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6098, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6099, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 6100, a Bill for an Act... offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6101, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill

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6102, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6103, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 6104, offered by Representative Mell, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6105, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 6106, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6107, offered by Representative Bassi, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6108, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 6109, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6110, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 6111, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 6112, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6113, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6114, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation, which may be referred to as the Child Bicycle Helmet Safety Law. House Bill 6115, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 6116, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 6117, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6118, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act

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concerning safety. House Bill 6119, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6120, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 6121, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning ethics. House Bill 6122, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6123, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6124, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6125, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6126, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6127, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6128, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 6129, offered by Representative Burns, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 6130, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities, which may be referred to as the Energy Infrastructure and Jobs Permitting Law. House Bill 6131, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 6132, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 6133, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6134, offered by Representative Joyce, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6135, offered by

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Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6153, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6154, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 6155, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6156, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance, which may be referred to as the Health Insurance Contract Fairness Act. House Bill 6157, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning workers' compensation. House Bill 6158, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 6159, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6160, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6161, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6162, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6163, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6164, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6165, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6166, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6167, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6168, offered by

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Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6169, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans'. House Bill 6170, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6171, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 6172, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6173, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6174, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6175, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6176, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6177, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6178, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6179, offered by Representative Connelly, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6180, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6181, offered by Representative Joyce, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 6182, offered by Representative Joyce, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6183, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6184, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6185,

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offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6186, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6187, offered by Representative Myers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6188, offered by Representative Myers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6189, offered by Representative Myers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6190, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6191, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6192, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6193, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6194, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6195, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6196, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act concerning libraries. House Bill 6197, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6198, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6199, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act regarding accounting for child support expenses. House Bill 6200, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 6201, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 6202, offered by

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Representative Burns, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 6203, offered by Representative Joyce, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6204, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 6205, offered by Representative Jakob.. offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning health."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6206, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6207, offered by Representative Wait, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6208, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 6209, offered by Representative Cavaletto, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6210, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning drugs. House Bill 6211, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6212, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6213, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6214, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 6215, offered by Representative Thapedi, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. House Bill 6216, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 6217, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6218, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill

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for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6219, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 6220, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning child support. House Bill 6221, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 6222, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. House Bill 6223, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6224, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6225, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 6226, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6227, offered by Representative Connelly, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6228, offered by Representative Connelly, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6229, offered by Representative Joyce, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6230, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6231, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6232, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6233, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 6234, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6235, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for

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an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6236, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 6237, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6238, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 6239, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6240, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 6241, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6242, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning the Internet. House Bill 6243, offered by Representative Senger, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6244, offered by Representative Coladipietro, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6245, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6246, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning sex offenders. House Bill 6247, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning the Internet. House Bill 6248, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6249, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act in relation to firearms. House Bill 6250, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 6251, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6252, offered by Representative

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for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6270, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning the Legislature. House Bill 6271, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6272, offered by Representative Senger, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6273, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6274, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6275, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning juries. House Bill 6276, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6277, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 6278, offered by Representative Careen Gordon, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6279, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6280, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6281, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6282, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6283, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6284, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6285, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6286, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning

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regulation. House Bill 6287, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 6288, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6289, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6290, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 6291, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6292, offered by Representative Arroyo, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. And House Bill 6293, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Introduction and reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendments-First Readings. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 51, offered by Representative Walker.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH 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 V of the Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 1, 3, 7, and 18 and by repealing Section 17 as follows:

ARTICLE V

THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

The Executive Branch shall include a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and

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Treasurer elected by the electors of the State. They shall keep the public records and maintain a residence at the seat of government during their terms of office.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to hold the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Treasurer, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 25 years old, and a resident of this State for the three years preceding his or her election.

SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

If the Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Treasurer fails to qualify or if the office becomes vacant, the Governor shall fill the office by appointment. The appointee shall hold office until the elected officer qualifies or until a successor is elected and qualified as may be provided by law and shall not be subject to removal by the Governor. If the Lieutenant Governor fails to qualify or if the office becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant until the end of the term.

SECTION 17. COMPTROLLER - DUTIES (REPEALED)

SECTION 18. TREASURER - DUTIES

The Treasurer, in accordance with law, shall (i) maintain the State's central fiscal accounts, and order payments into and out of the funds held by him or her, (ii) be responsible for the safekeeping and investment of monies and securities deposited with him or her, and for their disbursement upon his or her order, and (iii) have the duties and powers that may be prescribed by law.

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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 Constitutional Amendment applies upon the conclusion of the terms of the Comptroller and the Treasurer elected in 2010. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 52, offered by Representative Durkin.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH 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 13 to Article VII of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE VII

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SECTION 13. UNFUNDED MANDATES

(a) If the General Assembly or any State executive action requires a unit of local government to establish, expand, or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures of revenue by the unit of local government, then the State must provide funds to reimburse the unit of local government for the costs necessary to carry out the mandated requirement, except that the General Assembly may, but need not, provide funds for the following mandates:

(1) legislatively mandated requirements requested by the unit of local government affected; and

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(2)legislatively mandated requirements that became effective before the effective date of this Section or State executive actions initially implementing legislation that became effective before the effective date of this Section.

(b)A mandated requirement that is not funded is not enforceable while not funded unless the bill implementing the mandated requirement passed with the concurrence of at least three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly and specifically states that it is a non-reimbursable mandate under this subsection.

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This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 53.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH 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 7 to Article III of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE III

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 7. RECALL OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(a)Electors may petition for the recall of an executive branch officer as identified in Section 1 of Article V or a

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member of the General Assembly. If the recall petition is valid, on a separate ballot the question "Shall (officer) be recalled from the office of (office)" must be submitted to the electors, along with the names of any candidates certified for the successor election, at a special election called by the State Board of Elections or at a regularly scheduled election to occur not more than 100 days after the date of certification of the recall petition. The officer or member subject to recall may be a candidate in the successor election.

(b) An executive branch officer or member of the General Assembly is immediately removed upon certification of the recall election results if a majority of the electors voting on the question vote to recall the officer or member. If an officer or member is recalled, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the successor election is elected successor for the balance of the term. Once a recall election petition is certified, the petition may not be withdrawn and another recall petition may not be initiated against that officer or member during the remainder of his or her current term of office.

(c) Any elector of the State, or the applicable Legislative or Representative District, may file an affidavit with the State Board of Elections providing notice of intent to circulate a petition to recall an officer or member no sooner than 6 months after the beginning of the officer's or member's current term of office. The affidavit must identify the name of the officer or member and the office to be recalled, the name and address of the proponents of

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the recall petition, and the date of filing with the State Board of Elections. A recall petition shall not be circulated prior to filing the affidavit, and a recall petition must be filed with the State Board of Elections no later than 160 days after filing the affidavit.

(d) A petition to recall an executive branch officer must include signatures of electors of the State equal to at least 25% of the total votes cast for the office in the election at which the officer was elected, with signatures equal to at least 1% of the vote for the office from at least 5 separate counties. A petition to recall a member of the General Assembly must be signed by electors of the respective Legislative District or Representative District equal to at least 20% of the total votes cast for the office in the election at which the member was elected. The form, circulation, and manner of filing a recall petition shall comply with the requirements provided by law for a statewide advisory public question, except the deadlines set forth in this Section.

(e) A recall petition is valid unless an objection is made within 45 days after the date the petition is filed, and an objection to the recall petition may be made in the same manner as to a candidate for the office subject to recall. The State Board of Elections shall certify the recall petition not more than 105 days after the date the recall petition is filed. Any recall petition or election pending on the date of the next general election at which a candidate for the office subject to recall is elected is moot.

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(f) If a recall election is initiated, the name of no successor candidate may appear on the ballot unless a nominating petition has been filed with the State Board of Elections no more than 40 days after filing of the recall petition. The nominating petition of an established party candidate must contain the same number of signatures and be circulated in the same manner as an established party candidate for nomination to the office subject to recall, except the petition must be circulated no more than 40 days prior to the last day for filing nomination petitions. The nominating petition of an independent or new party candidate must contain the same number of signatures and be circulated in the same manner as an independent or new party candidate, respectively, for election to the office subject to recall, except the petition must be circulated no more than 40 days prior to the last day for filing nomination petitions. A nominating petition may be objected to in the same manner as a candidate for the office subject to recall, unless otherwise provided by law. The State Board of Elections shall certify a valid nominating petition not more than 105 days after the date the recall petition is filed.

(g) An election to determine whether to recall an executive officer or member of the General Assembly and to elect a successor shall be proclaimed by the State Board of Elections and held not less than 60 days and no more than 100 days after the date of certification of the recall petition.

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(h)The provisions of this Section are self-executing and judicially enforceable.

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The State Board of Elections shall proceed, as soon as all the returns are received but no later than 31 days after the election, to canvass the votes given for and against this Constitutional Amendment, as shown by the abstracts of votes cast. If this Constitutional Amendment is approved by either three-fifths of those voting on the question or a majority of those voting in the election, then the State Board of Elections shall declare the adoption of this Constitutional Amendment and it shall, upon declaration of its adoption, take effect and become a part of the Constitution of this State. This Schedule supersedes and applies notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, and no other requirements, including without limitation proclamation of the results of the vote or notice by publication, are necessary for its effectiveness. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 54, offered by Representative Durkin.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH 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

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SECTION 8.1. PASSAGE OF REVENUE BILLS

A bill that would result in the increase of revenue to the State by an increase of a tax on or measured by income or by an increase of a tax on or measured by the selling price of any item of tangible personal property may become law only with the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 55, offered by Representative Mathias.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH 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 V of the Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 1, 3, 7, and 18 and by repealing Section 17 as follows:

ARTICLE V

THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

The Executive Branch shall include a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Treasurer elected by the electors of the State. They shall keep the public records and maintain a residence at the seat of government during their terms of office.

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SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to hold the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Treasurer, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 25 years old, and a resident of this State for the three years preceding his or her election.

SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

If the Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Treasurer fails to qualify or if the office becomes vacant, the Governor shall fill the office by appointment. The appointee shall hold office until the elected officer qualifies or until a successor is elected and qualified as may be provided by law and shall not be subject to removal by the Governor. If the Lieutenant Governor fails to qualify or if the office becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant until the end of the term.

SECTION 17. COMPTROLLER - DUTIES (REPEALED)

SECTION 18. TREASURER - DUTIES

The Treasurer, in accordance with law, shall (i) maintain the State's central fiscal accounts, and order payments into and out of the funds held by him or her, (ii) be responsible for the safekeeping and investment of monies and securities deposited with him or her, and for their disbursement upon his or her order, and (iii) have the duties and powers that may be prescribed by law.

SCHEDULE

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Amendment applies upon the conclusion of the terms of the Comptroller and the Treasurer elected in 2008. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 6294, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6295, offered by Representative Senger, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6296, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. This has been the First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."