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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduce... introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 744, offered by Representative Berrios. House Resolution 747, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 749, offered by Representative Monique Davis. House Resolution 754, offered by Representative May. And House Joint Resolution 61, offered by Representative Currie."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 755, offered by Representative Colvin."

Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. We ask the Members and their guests to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off their cell phones and pagers, rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You today praying that on this day You give us wisdom and guidance. Let us pray for the men and women in all branches of our armed services. And Lord, humble us to remember that yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift and that is why it's called the present. These things we ask in Your Son's name, Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Lang."

Lang - 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."

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Speaker Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. There are no excused absences among House Democrats to report today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect all Republicans are present."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 116 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call. There is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on February 07, 2012: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 61, House Resolution 755; approved for consideration, refer to the Order of Concurrence is House Bill 1717 and Senate Amendment #2, Motion to Nonconcur, approved for consideration of House Bill 1717."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a special guest with us today, and so we would ask all the Members to please take your seats. We would ask the staff to retire to the rear of the chamber. We're very pleased today that the Consul-General of Ireland for the Midwest has joined us. We're going to ask him to offer some greetings and remarks from the Government of Ireland. Mr. Aidan Cronin took up his duty as the Consul General of Ireland in Chicago on August 22, 2011. He comes to Chicago with considerable experience from a variety of assignments and

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worldwide postings. He previously worked as Private Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and as Head of the Minister's Private Office from May 2009, to April of 2011. He was subsequently a member of the team that organized the visit of President Obama to Ireland in May of 2011, with lead responsibility for the President's visit to his ancestral home in Moneygall. From 2005 to 2008, he served as Deputy Head of Mission in the Irish Embassy in Canberra and from 2003 to 2005 as Deputy Head of Mission in the Irish Embassy in Tehran. He also worked in the Irish Embassy in Beijing from 1998 to 2001. In the course of his career in the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin, he worked on the EU, Legal, UN, and Irish Abroad issues. Before joining the Department of Foreign Affairs, he qualified and worked as a lawyer, having graduated from University College Cork as a Bachelor of Civil Laws. It is my great pleasure to present to you Mr. Aidan Cronin, the Consul-General of Ireland to the Midwest. Mr. Cronin."

Aidan Cronin: "Mr. Speaker Madi... Madigan, Ladies and Gentlemen of this distinguished chamber. And thank you, Speaker Madigan, for that introduction. I always find it very disconcerting to be sitting as my résumé is read out to a... a large and influential group of people, but nevertheless, it has to be done. On behalf of the Government of Ireland, I would like to thank you for receiving me here today. It's truly a great honor to be asked to address you and thank you for... for taking time out of your busy schedules to... to sit here and listen to me. Thank you. There are very few small countries like Ireland who have the strength

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and depth of relationship with the United States that Ireland has. It's a proud boast. It... it's one that we make quite often, but we think it's a fair one. The first great wave of Irish immigrants came here at the time of the Great Irish Famine in the 1840s, in the mid-18th century... sorry, the mid 19th-century. But from such a dark period, and it was a dark period in our history and not so... not so long ago when you think about it, but has sown seeds of a relationship that has blossomed over the years. Irish people have always looked westwards, with the U.S. often referred to as the next parish to the west, with just a small matter of the Atlantic ocean lying between us. So really, we're next door neighbors and that's how we always regard ourselves. The contribution of successive waves of Irish immigrants is of course woven into the story and into the culture of America. It is there in U.S. politics, President Kennedy, President Reagan, President Obama, to name but a few all with Irish roots. And of course, we had the opportunity and the privilege to welcome President Obama to Ireland just last year. It was an extraordinary day, an extraordinary occasion at the outpouring of love and affection for him and for the First Lady, I think reflects the deep sense of love and attachment that the Irish people do feel for the U.S., and I mean that genuinely. Our influence is there in U.S. literature, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Flannery O'Connor, Eugene O'Neill to name but a few. It's there in U.S. music, for the music fans among you, Bluegrass, Appalachian Folk Music, Country Music, American Folk Music, all with Irish influences.

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It's there in sport, sometimes in the most surprising of places. None other than Muhammad Ali, himself, has some Irish blood in him and visited Ireland two years ago to meet with his long, lost relatives. And of course, we're about to claim Eli Manning, as well, the Mannings of Galway. We're going to claim Eli, and his brother, and his father, the whole lot of them. They don't know it yet. I arrived in the United States from Ireland with my family just five months ago and the warmth of the welcome extended to me and to my family here in the heartland of America has been truly overwhelming. Excuse me. I should not, of course, have been surprised. The Irish have always found a warm welcome here. Illinois, in particular, has a proud history of making immigrants from Ireland, and from elsewhere, feel very welcome. The passing of the DREAM Act last year, with overwhelming bipartisan support, was yet another landmark in... in Illinois's proud history of compassion and something on which you should all be complimented, and thank you. Irish men and women have made an enormous contribution to this country and to the State of Illinois over many years, and are still making that contribution today. Our legacy lives on, as is evident from the very... very many Irish names that have distinguished this chamber over the years and continue to do so. We Irish people have always been good at politics: Madigan, Bradley, Brady, Burke, Collins, Costello, Connelly, Cunningham, Gaffney, Lyons, McAuliffe, McCarthy, McGuire, Mulligan. I'm sure I've left somebody out, but I think it's just a reflection of the... the Irish... the

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Irish/American influence on Illinois politics, an influence for the good. I know that Irish/Americans are very conscience of and very proud of your Irish roots, and so you should be. We started out as truck drivers, construction workers, the warehouse men, the cattle drovers, the laboring classes of this growing country in the 18th and 19th centuries. We worked hard and we educated our children. They became, in turn, the policemen, the firemen, the servicemen and women, the teachers, the lawyers, the accountants, the scientists, the judges, the politicians, the Presidents, the spine of this now great country. So, the story of the Irish in America is the classic immigrant tale. I'd like to give you some insight into the Ireland of 2012. As I'm sure you all know, Ireland went through a period of huge growth throughout the 1990s. We went from being one of the poorest countries in Europe to one of the richest over a very, very short period of time. We transformed our economy, in fact, into one of the strongest in the world, but we made some mistakes too. We were not unique enough, but we were irresponsible in some of the decisions we took and some of the paths we followed. But as we've shown throughout history, we are a resilient and resolute people, and we are as a nation and as an economy, fairly on the road to recovery. We are once again playing to our strengths. We have stabilized the public finances. We have restructured the Irish banking sector. The Irish economy is growing again. We are more realistic, and we are more competitive. One striking feature has been a very

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impressive increase in tourist numbers. Many of them from the U.S., and we thank our U.S. friends for their contribution to the Irish economy. And please, keep coming to visit. Our link with the U.S. remains central to our economic prosperity and our economic recovery. The Irish/U.S. economic relationship is one of mutual benefit and is stronger now and more critical than at any other time in our history. Direct investment by U.S. companies in Ireland employs some 95 thousand people. Illinois companies, like Abbott Labs, have used Ireland as a base for Europe since 1946, believe it or not. In return, Irish companies employ some 82 thousand Americans here, including companies like Kerry Group, Cuisine de France, and Syncreon here and in Illinois. In recent years, Ireland has been one of the top 10 investors in the U.S., and the U.S. is Ireland's largest second... second largest trading partner and our largest export market. So as I say, the relationship is a valuable one and more valuable to us now than ever before, and one that we intend to keep working on with your help. In the midst of our economic difficulties, sight can sometimes be lost of the great achievement in recent times in Ireland. Peace. The Northern Ireland Executive is in place and working well. Those who were once sworn enemies now work together in the political sphere, working to the benefit of both communities. Success of the peace process stands to credit of all involved, including many on this side of the Atlantic who played a crucial role; some of them high-profile, some of them in the background, all of them, as I

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say, crucial to the process. We are forever grateful to people like Senator George Mitchell, President Clinton, President Bush, as well as for the ongoing support of President Obama, his administration, and members from both sides of Congress. We thank them all and we thank you all for taking interest in Ireland and in things Irish. We share a powerful bond, a genuine bond that we in Ireland are very, very proud of. Just to conclude, let me extend an open invitation to you all to visit Ireland. Be it for business or pleasure. It's a wonderful country and you will be assured of the warmest of welcomes. Mr. Speaker... Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for this great honor of allowing me to address you today. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Consul-General, thank you very much for the remarks. And he'll be available for a short time in the well for those of you who wish to come up and greet him and take a picture with Mr. Cronin. So, thank you very much. Mr. Lyons in the Chair."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Chapa LaVia, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Chapa LaVia: "Point of personal privilege, please, Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Chapa LaVia: "Natalie O'Donnell Wood and Michael Bird, from the National Conference of State Legislators will be here in the Speaker's Conference Room, Room 314, at the start of Session tomorrow. The National Conference of State Legislators is the largest... the nation's largest and only bipartisan organization of State Legislators and their staff. The NCSL provides Legislators from across the

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country with information, resources, and services on a wide range of policy topics. NCSL also serves as the advocate on Capitol Hill for State Legislators on a wide array of state and federal issues, be it transportation, real... health care, Medicaid. The State of Illinois has the honor of hosting the NCSL's annual summit this year in Chicago, from August 5 to 9. It's a wonderful opportunity to dialogue and share ideas with your peers and colleagues from across the country and obtain additional information from numerous back... breakout Session during wit... dealing with job creation, education, economic development, energy, alternatives, and public/private partnerships to name just a few. If you're not familiar with this organization, or have not yet met Natalie or Michael, my suggestion is you take a few minutes before... before Session starts tomorrow and meet with them in room 314. It's going to be a phenomenal convention that we have this year and we'd like everybody that hasn't ever participated to participate this time. Thank you for your time, Mr. Speaker and Members."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Naomi Jakobsson, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Naomi?"

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Representative."

Jakobsson: "Thank you. Actually, two points. I want to remind COWL that this afternoon at 5:30 there's the Transportation for Illinois COWLition Reception. I'm hoping that you will all come out for this. It is at the Sangamo from 5:30 to 7:30. And then a further reminder, tomorrow is Wear Red

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for Heart Day. So, all the women in the General Assembly, I hope to see you wearing red. And men, get out your red ties or a red handkerchief, or those of you who have a red jacket, join us in wearing red for Heart Day tomorrow. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "We have a couple Bills on the Order of Second Reading which we'll be moving to Third. On page 2 of the Calendar, Members who wish to follow along. In the middle of the page, Representative Greg Harris has House Bill 3935. What's the status on that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3935, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Committee Amendments. Amendment #1 was... has not been approved for consideration. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading, Mr. Clerk. Page 2 of the Calendar, on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Zalewski has House Bill 3948. What's the status of that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3948, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. On page 2 of the Calendar, Representative Elaine Nekritz has House Bill 3950. What's the status on that Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3950, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lyons: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution... House Resolution 739, offered by Representative Osmond. House Resolution 740, offered by Representative Reboletti. House Resolution 741, offered by Representative Reboletti. House Resolution 742, offered by Representative Pihos. House Resolution 743, offered by Representative Unes. House Resolution 745, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 746, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 748, offered by Representative Hatcher. House Resolution 750, offered by Representative Rita. House Resolution 752, offered by Representative Biss. And House Resolution 753, offered by Representative Cross."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Yarbrough, you have a question on the Agreed Resolutions? Okay. I'll get back to you then, Representative. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie moves for the pa... 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 adopt... Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Representative Karen Yarbrough, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Yarbrough: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Leader."

Yarbrough: "Thank you. February is celebrated as Black History Month, and Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as Negro History Month, and then later as

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Black History Month. What you might not know is that black history had barely been studied or even documented when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it wasn't until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books. We owe this celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age 20. He graduated two years later and went on to end up with a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the American black population. Woodson always wanted to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing Americans of African descent into the nation's history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, and in 1915, a year later, founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Month as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history. He chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, and that is Fredrick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln. However, February has much more than Douglas and Lincoln to show for its significance in black American history. For example, W.E.B. DuBois, who was an important civil rights leader, he was a cofounder of the NAACP and he was born. In February

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3 of 1870, the 15th Amendment was passed granting blacks the right to vote. And February 25, 1870, the first black U.S. Senator, Hiram Revels, took the oath of office. So, we ask that you join with us in celebrating Black History Month. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative Yarbrough. Thank you very much. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Joint Resolution 61?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Joint Resolution 61 is on the Order of Resolutions."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Barbara Flynn Currie moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 61. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Joint Resolution is adopted. Representative Marlow Colvin, for an announcement. Democrats, heads-up."

Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Immediate... Immediately upon adjournment, the House Democrats will caucus in Room 114."

Speaker Lyons: "You got that, Democrats? 114 immediately after we adjourn. Thank you, Representative Colvin. Represent... Mr. Clerk, what's the status on posted committees? Do we have a committee schedule to read? This is the committee schedule, Ladies and Gentlemen. Heads-up. Quite a few have been canceled, so the Clerk will announce the committees."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee schedule. Meeting at 3:00 is the Business Occupational License Committee in Room 413. Meeting in C-1 is Labor at 3:00. At 3:30, Elementary & Secondary Education Committee is meeting in Room 114."

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Judiciary II is meeting in D-1. And Human Services is meeting in C-1. Those are at 3:30."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, you heard the updated committee schedule, which according to the Chief of Staff, should be available at 3:00. So, 3:00 those committees will be scheduled. Representative Will Davis, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Will?"

Davis, W.: "A point of inquiry, Mr. Speaker. Tomorrow morning, at least according to the information on our desks, there are committee scheduled. Have there been any cancelation, committee cancelations, for tomorrow morning?"

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, any cancelations on committee schedule for tomorrow morning?"

Clerk Hollman: "At this time, no committees have been canceled for in the morning."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Thank you, Representative Davis, for asking that question. Seeing no further business to come before the House, Representative Barbara Flynn Currie moves for the adjournment to the hour of 12 noon, tomorrow, Wednesday, February 8. All those in favor of adjournment, signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House stands adjourned to the hour of 12 noon on Wednesday, February 8. Have an enjoyable evening, everyone."

Speaker Lyons: "Democrats, Room 114. Democrats Room 114. Leader Frank Mautino insists the Democrats."

Clerk Hollman: "Attention Members of the House, committees will meet immediately. Committees will meet immediately. House

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Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Bills. House Bill 4996, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4997, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4998, offered by Representative Barickman, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4999, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5000, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5001, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5002, offered by Representative Hammond, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5003, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5004, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5005, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5006, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5007, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5008, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5009, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5010, offered by Representative William... Will Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5011, offered by Representative Jackson, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill

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5012, offered by Representative Jackson, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5013, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5014, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5015, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5016, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5017, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning gambling. House Bill 5018, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 5019, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5020, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5021, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5022, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5023, offered by Representative Penny, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 5024, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5025, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concern... concerning utilities. House Bill 5026, offered by Representative Burke, Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5027, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5028, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5029, offered by

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Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5030, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 5031, offered by Representative Dunkin... Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning urban problems. House Bill 5032, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 5033, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5034, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5035, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 5036, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5037, off... offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 5038, offered by Representative Senger, a Bill for an Act concerning wages. House Bill 5039, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5040, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 5041, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5042, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5043, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5044, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5045, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5046, offered by Representative

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Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5047, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 5048, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5049, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5050, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 5051, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 5052, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5053, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5054, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5055, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5056, offered by Representative D'Amico, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5057, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5058, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5059, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5060, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5061, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5062, offered by Representative Sommer, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5063, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning public

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employee benefits. House Bill 5064, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5065, offered by Representative Sommer, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 5066, offered by Representative Sommer, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5067, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5068, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5069, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5070, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5071, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5072, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5073, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning the Secretary of State."

Clerk Bolin: "Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5074, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5075, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5076, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5077, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5078, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5079, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning State

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Government. House Bill 5080, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act... a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5081, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5082, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5083, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning senior citizens and disabled persons. House Bill 5084, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5085, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5086, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5087, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5088, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5089, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5090, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5091, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5092, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5093, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5094, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning unemployment insurance. House Bill 5095, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5096, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act

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concerning government. House Bill 5097, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5098, offered by Representative Mathias (sic-Costello), a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5099, offered by Representative Mathias (sic-Costello), a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5100, offered by Representative Mathias (sic-Costello), a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Constitutional Amendments. This is the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #36, offered by Representative Mathias.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH 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 IV of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 6 as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION

- (a) A majority of the members elected to each house constitutes a quorum.
- (b) On the first day of the January session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall convene the House of Representatives to elect from its membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives as

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presiding officer, and the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from its membership a President of the Senate as presiding officer. A person may serve no more than a total of 10 years in any one of the following offices and no more than a combined total of 14 years in any 2 or more of the following offices: Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or Minority Leader of the Senate; provided that service before the second Wednesday in January of 2014 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.

(c) For purposes of powers of appointment conferred by this Constitution, the Minority Leader of either house is a member of the numerically strongest political party other than the party to which the Speaker or the President belongs, as the case may be.

(d) Each house shall determine the rules of its proceedings, judge the elections, returns and qualifications of its members and choose its officers. No member shall be expelled by either house, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to that house. A member may be expelled only once for the same offense. Each house may punish by imprisonment any person, not a member, guilty of disrespect to the house by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence. Imprisonment shall not extend beyond twenty-four hours at one time unless the person persists in disorderly or contemptuous behavior.

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This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #36. This is the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #37, offered by Representative Mathias.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH 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.

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.

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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

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. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #37. This is the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #38, offered by Representative Mathias.

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ARTICLE VIII
FINANCE

SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

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

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three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #38. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."