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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Shaun Lewis who's the Illinois State Director of Capitol Commission, serving the political Leaders of Illinois. Pastor Lewis is the guest of Representative Ford. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Lewis."

Pastor Lewis: "If you could bow with me in prayer. Father in Heaven, every year has its share of significant pieces of legislation here. Between Party conventions, district constituents and personal conscience, it's not always easy to know what to do and just as I prayed many times before here, I pray that You give our lawmakers wisdom. You are the source of all that's good and that's wise in this world and I pray that our lawmakers will be lovers of wisdom, even lovers of You. Give strength and humility to this Body and with snow on the way today, I pray that You give each one safety in travel this afternoon. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We'll be led in the Pledge by Representative Harms."

Harms - 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 Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Beiser and Mell are excused today."

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Speaker Lang: "Leader Bost, or someone representing Leader Bost. Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have Representative Osmond and Representative Brady that are absent today. Everyone else is here and accounted for."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 114 Members present, we do have a quorum. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on February 20, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 956, House Bill 1192, House Bill 1202. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on February 20, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 22, House Bill 991. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the committee on Labor and Commerce reports the following action taken on February 20, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1041. Representative Franks Chairperson from the committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on February 20, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 986, House Bill 1013, House Bill 1045, House Bill 1048, House Bill 1209, House Bill 1295, House Bill 1402. Representative Jackson Chairperson committee on Counties and Townships reports the following action taken on February 21, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 163, House Bill 984, House Bill 1020, House Bill 1203. Representative Nekritz Chairperson... committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on

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February 21, 2013: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1154, 1165, House Bill 1166, House Bill 1283, House Bill 1353. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 80, offered by Representative Acevedo, is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Lang: "On page 4 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, appears House Bill 3, Representative Chapa LaVia. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Speaker, can you please move that back 'cause I think we might have an Amendment coming to it. It has to do with the cost shifts on the..."

Speaker Lang: "Without objection, the Sponsor moves that the.. the Bill be moved back to the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 77, Mr. Ford. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 77, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 77 is a Bill that removes trans fats from school stores. It does not interfere with the federal food program. So, the food program still will be able to use trans fats in their daily lunch menus. So, I move for the adoption for HB77."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. On that question, the Chair recognizes Mr. Franks."

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

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford will yield."

Franks: "Thank you. Representative, I'm reading the analysis that indicates that the Bill would req.. prohibit schools from serving any food containing or prepared with trans fats. Is that correct?"

Ford: "Correct."

Franks: "Can you give us some examples of what foods have trans fats?"

Ford: "Well, you know, I can tell you that what we believe to have trans fats would not have trans fats. Like Oreo cookies, people believe have trans fats. The form of Twinkies we believe would have trans fats. But I can tell you that doughnuts from certain stores that are made will probably have trans fats in them from bakeries."

Franks: "But is there a larger list than just, you know, cookies and... and you know doughnuts and things that we probably all agree should probably not be served because I see there's a big loophole in this Bill, that says the ban does not apply to food provided through a U.S. Department of Agriculture meal program."

Ford: "Right. I wanted to include the food from the school lunch menu, but it would cause a problem for the school districts. They have to keep a certain amount of their food on the shelf, and they would have to have fresher foods at all times if we allowed trans fats to be banned out of the federal food program. So, I wanted to take one step at a time and do what we can to ban trans fats when we're talking about fundraisers at basketball and sporting events."

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Franks: "So, let's... let me follow that up a little bit. So, let's assume there's a sporting event, cause right now I know when I go to my kid's games, there'll be a, you know, the kiosk and they'll be selling cookies and they'll be selling candy bars and they'll be selling other things like that. Are you saying that those would be prohibited from being sold at the school sporting events?"

Ford: "No, because even for example, Girl Scout cookies are free of trans fats Oreo cookies are free of trans fats. It's pretty much what you find at bakeries that are probably... that would have most of the trans fatty items. Right now store products that are on shelves are almost free of trans fats. Most of them like Doritos and potato chips, that are from major department stores, they're free of trans fat. It's..."

Franks: "I... I guess I just don't really understand what we're banning then. Is there any way we could get a list? And I don't... I'm not trying to tube your Bill, but I'm just not sure what it does. And I was wondering..."

Ford: "I'll tell you what it does. What it does is it protects our young people from poor diets while they're in school."

Franks: "Representative, I'm not questioning that. I don't know what's banned."

Ford: "Okay."

Franks: "And I don't think anybody knows what's banned. I think we'd have a better idea..."

Ford: "You want..."

Franks: "...if we knew what we're asking to take away."

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Ford: "It's hard to give you, if I give you a list, then I may miss something. We already know that schools will be in position to order certain items that are free of trans fats but if I give you a list, then I may miss something."

Franks: "Well, let me ask you why and I wasn't in committee, so why were the opponents opposed? You had the Chamber of Commerce and ED-RED and the School Management Alliance and a high school district organization and the Farm Bureau. Why were they all opposed?"

Ford: "No, they didn't speak to the Bill in committee."

Franks: "Okay. I... I just can't tell whether it's a good Bill or not. I just... and I'm not disputing I; I just don't know. So..."

Ford: "Are you familiar with the dangers of trans fats in foods?"

Franks: "Yes, but I also see that the Bill provides that you can't serve things with margarine, for instance."

Ford: "Mmmmmmm."

Franks: "And I'm just wondering if that's practical with people who might be lactose intolerant or something. I just don't know the whole practicalities here."

Ford: "Yeah. trans fats are artificial ingredients that are intentionally added to food products and right now is something that we don't have to add and they're... everything that we would like to eat could be served without trans fats and I think that with the obesity in... in the young adults in the children, we should do everything that we can to promote healthy eating in our schools. And it's..."

Franks: "I know your heart's in the right place."

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Ford: "...and it's..."

Franks: "I'm going to listen to more of the debate 'cause I just honestly don't know what this... which foods would and would not be allowed."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, if you don't know what foods would be on the list, how in the world would any of the school districts that I represent know what would be on the list?"

Ford: "It's already... So you want me to really be restrictive? I'm not being restrictive. It's just a fact that we should make sure that when we order foods that we exclude foods with trans fats in them."

Reboletti: "I'm try... what would the penalty be if a school district did not comply with this? What if they had trans fats at their school?"

Ford: "If they have trans fats at their school? At this time there is no penalty for schools to... if they still serve items with trans fats."

Reboletti: "Right. But if your Bill passes, what would the penalty be for them providing foods with trans fats?"

Ford: "There would be no penalty, but what we will have is an opportunity to encourage strong and better menus at the school."

Reboletti: "How many other states do this?"

Ford: "I don't know how many other states, but I know Chicago is one that does it already, and Oak Park does it and..."

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Reboletti: "Well, many of us... many of us consider Chicago a nation and state of its own. So, I know it's... and my... and some people would like it to be its own state, but does California do this? Does Indiana?"

Ford: "Does... Once again?"

Reboletti: "What other states do this?"

Ford: "Well, I don't know... I've been told that there's federal legislation right now that bans the total... ban of trans fats in schools. So, just the free lunch program, but this Bill does not ban it for the free lunch program; it just bans it for extracurricular activity type foods."

Reboletti: "Representative, I know that you're well-intentioned in your legislation and I know that we all are concerned about the health of our school children and we want to make sure that they have every opportunity to succeed, but I'm just trying to figure out why we have to be the beacon of hope as far as nanny states are concerned by telling each individual school district that they can't sell a particular item and then we're going to have the food police go to every school district to make sure that there's no trans fats. So, the last time you had this Bill, a couple years back, there was a tornado that flew over the Capitol and we couldn't even vote on the Bill because of the... maybe God was speaking to us about it. But if I'm not mistaken, the Bill failed at that time."

Ford: "No, it passed."

Reboletti: "Well, I think eventually it passed..."

Ford: "Right."

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Reboletti: "But I get... I think at some point, Representative, we have to make sure our schools are fully funded before we can micromanage exactly what the kids are eating. So, it's unfortunate I have to urge a 'no' vote and I hope that this gets the trophy."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Pihos."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Pihos: "I rise in strong opposition to this Bill. This legislation applies to all food sold, including fundraising activities on school premises whether or not they are school sponsored. In addition, it also applies to all food and beverages sold on school grounds not only during the regular school day, but also during the extended school day. The State Board of Education is required to develop a procedure for monitoring school board compliance and can establish appropriate penalties for failure to comply. First of all, I disagree with the Representative. Federal legislation has not passed. We should wait until the Federal Government's rules are promulgated. Right now, we're in the middle of the commenting period. Comments are being accepted 'til April 9, and I would ask that the Representative submit his comments to the federal Government. The Federal Government has recently posted for review rules that govern nutritional standards for all schools. The proposed rules include establishing nutritional standards, establishing rules for foods sold inside and outside of school meals, food sold on the campus at any time. All foods sold must be consistent with recent

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dietary guidelines for Americans. It does allow state agencies and local school boards to have the discretion to establish their own standards. I would ask the Representative, again, within the context of the Bill, the School Board of Education has to establish appropriate penalties. So, I assume there will be penalties. Have you discussed that with them? Representative, have you discussed the penalties with them because your Bill says the State Board of Education can establish appropriate penalties. Do they intend to do so?"

Ford: "I have not discussed that with them, no."

Pihos: "Oh, I think that's very important. Also school districts are encouraged to use their buildings..."

Ford: "Are you making recommendations?"

Pihos: "...to rent out to other community groups. Districts will be required to develop a process now for monitoring nonschool run groups. Will they also be required to hire additional staff to monitor the food that these groups may serve? Schools do a lot of fundraising and other things within their buildings, that food will have to be monitored under your Bill for no trans fats?"

Ford: "We could make a big deal out of this... it's not as big as you're making it. It's a simple process of ordering foods that are and being more conscious of what we're serving our kids. That's all this Bill does."

Pihos: "It's not a simple Bill. It's a huge Bill and it affects groups outside of the school children attending that school. So, again..."

Ford: "Well, the most important are the children."

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Pihos: "...I would urge a 'no' vote on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sacia."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Representative Sacia: "Mr. Speaker, if I may also ask for verification should this Bill reach a Constitutional Majority."

Speaker Lang: "That request is acknowledged."

Sacia: "Representative Ford, very proudly yesterday I made you chief cosponsor of one of my Bills, I... I don't think I'll be able to reciprocate on this one to you and I think you understand. You've... you've alluded a couple times to saying I don't think we should make such a big deal out of this, in fact, I think that's your exact words to the previous speaker. This is a big deal, Sir, because it states, prohibits schools from making available food containing such and such. My question is why? We have professionals in the schools. Why don't we leave it to them?"

Ford: "Is that a question?"

Sacia: "No, I'm asking that."

Ford: "I think that what we should do is make sure that we put forth a conscious effort to serve our children better meals in school in any way we can. And this... this is why we come here to encourage and to make better policy for the State of Illinois and them. Yeah..."

Sacia: "I respect that, Sir. I... I respect that, but we come here to fix a budget. We come here to deal with some huge issues in this state. Let's let the food police work right in their own district, work in their own school district."

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With all due respect, Representative Ford, this is an abomination. This is way beyond the pale. Let's let our school districts run their schools. We have no business in that industry. Let's allow it to work on... on the level of where it is meant to work. All of us grew up at a time when the school districts fed us what was available, what was nutritious and I honestly believe there isn't a school district in this state, in this nation, that doesn't seek to have good nutritious meals. I'm not going to go on and on. I just really urge everyone in this Body to think of what we're doing, think of the stigma back home. You know, we came down here to deal with significant, significant issues in this state and we're going to worry about the food police. Ladies and Gentlemen please vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives."

Ives: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. I will let Mr. Ford know and the rest of the Representatives know here that this... that good policy already exists in this area and it happens at the local area. So, in St. Michaels School in kindergarten, guess what, for a snack you could not bring anything other than a fruit or a vegetable. So, schools are already independently making these decisions to actually demand the parents only bring responsible food choices into the classroom. This is a nanny state on steroids. This is not legislation that should be directed at the state level. We obviously, as everybody has said, have much more important business to do. But if you find that your school district is not doing something responsible, then why don't you go as a parent into that district into that school and ask

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them to make better choices. But we have no business dealing with this already. As far as I can tell, you'd ban the sale of Girl Scout cookies into the local schools. What about homemade lunches? Can you no longer bring a doughnut or a Twinkie to school anymore? So, I just think you are making a big deal out of this. This is a big deal Bill and we don't need to be legislating it, anything like this at the state level. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford."

Ford: "I'm very excited that everyone is speaking to the Bill, but I also want to make sure everyone know that I believe in this Bill and I believe that we should have a conscious effort to serve the students that attend schools in the State of Illinois the best lunches and the best food that we could possibly serve them. And so, I... with that and with all the debate that has carried on, I'll continue to work on this Bill and I will pull the Bill from the record right now and move it back to Second and work on the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, return the Bill to the Order of Second Reading and please take it out of the record. Next Bill on the Calendar is House Bill 129, Representative Welch. You proceeding? Mr. Welch, on his very first Bill. You're lucky I'm in the Chair, Sir. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 129, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you acknowledged, this is my first Bill. So, I wanted to point out that I ran to Macy's

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this morning and bought a red tie for the occasion. I am presenting House Bill 129. This Bill is a Bill entitled 'Bring Your Parents to School Day'. It is designed to promote parental involvement in school districts throughout the state. And we have proponents that are The unions, IFT, the CTU. We don't have any opposition. And I do want to point out that this is a permissive Bill. School districts are not required to do it, so there's no unfunded mandate. What we're asking the General Assembly to do is to pronounce to the school districts across the state that parental involvement is extremely important for the success of every student."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Chair recognizes Representative Monique Davis. Monique Davis passes. Mr. Moffitt is next."

Moffitt: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Moffitt: "Did I hear it said this is his first Bill?"

Welch: "Yes."

Moffitt: "Representative, is this your first Bill?"

Welch: "Yes Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "And you're the first one to present a first Bill this Session, is that correct?"

Welch: "That is my understanding."

Moffitt: "Did you think that would give you some special treatment?"

Welch: "I hope so."

Moffitt: "We'll see. You said more parental involvement. Did you have any parents help you pick out your tie today?"

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Welch: "I did not. And I was hoping..."

Moffitt: "How about that coat you're wearing?"

Welch: "Looks pretty good, doesn't it?"

Moffitt: "Is it your size?"

Welch: "It doesn't quite fit, but..."

Moffitt: "Well, for a first Bill..."

Welch: "...it fits the occasion."

Moffitt: "For a first Bill I thought you were a bit nervy as a freshman, you were calling around getting cell phone numbers of Members of the committee. Now, did you... did you agree to keep those in total confidence?"

Welch: "I did, Representative. I thought it was extremely important to speak with the Members of the committee, explain my position on the Bill, but..."

Moffitt: "Well, it... it seemed bit excessive in advance preparation. Were you not ready for the Bill that you were working it so far ahead of time?"

Welch: "Well, I was ready and I think that was a part of being ready. I think it's important to be respectful to your colleagues and to explain your position to them before calling the Bill. If they didn't approve of it, I would've held the Bill until I could have gotten their approval."

Moffitt: "Well, I noticed... in the committee, I thought you would explain the Bill but instead you had a superintendant there and a school board president and all this extra help. Could you have explained it yourself?"

Welch: "I could have. I have spent 12 years on a school board, 10 years as a board chair, but I thought it was important to bring in people from my district. The superintendant of

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an elementary school, the board president of the Proviso school board at the time where there's two examples of where 'Bring Your Parents to School Day' is a shining example of what we're trying to accomplish here in the state."

Moffitt: "You're trying to address a serious problem with this Bill?"

Welch: "Well, I believe parental involvement is a serious problem in a lot of districts across the state, especially districts like Proviso where parents just do not get involved. So, yes, this is... I think this will bring much needed awareness across the state."

Moffitt: "And you think that a freshman would carry such a large and important Bill as this?"

Welch: "Absolutely."

Moffitt: "Well, Representative, in view of the weather, I don't want to be detaining things. I know there'll be lots of questions and it'd be kind of... in hanging in the balance whether not this passes, but you did call the committee ahead of time. You had some expert witnesses there, you came to committee, you're a former school board member, school board president. I'll tell you, observing how you went about this kind of concerns me, but I do have a prediction. Based on what you did on this first Bill, I think you have a very bright, long and successful career ahead of you in the Illinois General Assembly. So I'll wait and decide how to vote, but I'm pretty impressed how it's starting. Thank you."

Welch: "Thank you, Representative Moffitt."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Pihos."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Pihos: "Yes. I think the idea of 'Bringing Your Parents to School' is a stellar idea. We all want parent involvement in school. It has proven effectiveness over time, but as I stated to the Representative in committee, since this is a permissive Bill we would've been better served in having this Bill as a Resolution. I do stand in sincere opposition to this Bill. I think it should be a Resolution because I don't think we should be dictating the date that a school may hold this kind of activity. Your own superintendant, Representative, stated, that they do this throughout their district and differentiated times for differentiated grades. They do not do it all in one day because it's not possible for them to accommodate all their parents, guardians, whoever might be there to support that student all at the same time. I also think we have not factored in, in any way, shape, or form, the accountability for safety given the times that we are living in and having all these extraneous people who are very connected to our children put into a building at the same time without being able to monitor who's entering our building. So although I think the idea is well served, I think it would be much better written as a Resolution. And I think I know I could show my support for that, but I think we want to be careful what we legislate even when it is a 'may'. And I would ask the Legislative Body, even though it's a first Bill, for them to encourage the Representative to change them... this from a

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House Bill, a piece of legislation, to a Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Dunkin."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Dunkin: "Representative, I'm trying to figure out what... what are you wearing? Is it red or is it pink?"

Welch: "Looks red to me, Representative."

Dunkin: "Well, is... is it a hot red or a hot pink, cause when I look on the screen look at... look at yourself on the screen here on the monitor. What does that look like to you? Is it fuschia, are those Miami colors, are those California colors? What are you trying to pull off here?"

Welch: "I'm trying to get a good Bill passed, Representative."

Dunkin: "This is your first Bill, right?"

Welch: "First Bill."

Dunkin: "Are you... and you had to come dressed like that?"

Welch: "I'd do anything to get this Bill passed, you see."

Dunkin: "Is that a man's jacket or is that a ladies jacket? Repeat that, I didn't hear that."

Welch: "This was from my colleague in Springfield, she's... she's helping me out here."

Dunkin: "She? She?"

Welch: "Representative, sure, absolutely."

Dunkin: "So now you wear she jackets?"

Welch: "Pardon I didn't hear you."

Dunkin: "You... okay. So... so, it's a ladies jacket. So are you going to wear that home today and show others in your district that you are fashion forward?"

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Welch: "My wife asked... might ask me too many questions about it."

Dunkin: "Well maybe. Oh, so your wife..."

Welch: "I'll return it to the Representative."

Dunkin: "So, when it's parent... your parent day at school are you allowed to wear that jacket will your seatmate allow you to do that?"

Welch: "Yes."

Dunkin: "Okay. So, if you will commit to wearing the jacket to your parent day at school, I'll support this measure deal?"

Welch: "Deal."

Dunkin: "All right. You have my support."

Welch: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bost."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Bost: "Representative, I'm a little concerned. It's... it's a 'Bring Your Parent to School Day'. Is that correct?"

Welch: "Yes, Representative Bost."

Bost: "And can't our school districts do that now?"

Welch: "They can."

Bost: "Well, I think they can and the reason why I know they can is I can remember, I know this is going to surprise you, but at the time whenever I was in school quite often the principal brought my parents to school. And I... I don't think we should encourage... some of those days didn't turn out real well. My parents were involved in my life and I appreciate that, but some of those were very scary days for children. So, now you want us to do this on one particular

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date all throughout the state to have parents come to school, correct?"

Welch: "Yes."

Bost: "All right. What if the school district is already doing it?"

Welch: "We applaud them for doing it."

Bost: "Well, I'm... I'm going to tell you... let me... I'm joking with you 'cause it's your first Bill, but I am... I do agree with my colleague. A Bill like this should be a Resolution, okay. And I know it's your first Bill and I'm glad it's a Bill like this cause some... some of the Bills that I've seen as first Bills are very, very difficult. And this will probably get all kinds of votes, but when we do legislation like this, honest to goodness, probably a Resolution makes more sense because it's encouraging our schools and not putting it into statutes, okay. And... but I am... I am concerned what is the... with children that... Well, I lost my train of thought. I'm sorry. I'll support your Bill."

Welch: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, will you be speaking to this Bill at some point?"

Speaker Lang: "No..."

Reboletti: "Will there be another Speaker in the Chair?"

Speaker Lang: "No, I'm remaining here, Sir."

Reboletti: "Oh. I... I'm very heart broken for that. I think that Representative Welch would learn from your expertise and cross-examination, but I would ask if the Sponsor would yield... yield?"

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Speaker Lang: "Sponsor will yield."

Reboletti: "Representative, I... I have some concerns that, did you consult to any of the school children throughout the state if they wanted their parents to come to school?"

Welch: "Well, you know, I participated in 'Bring Your Parents to School Day' in Proviso for the last 10 years and it became such a fun day that the students actually competed to bring their parents to school."

Reboletti: "Because I'm much like Representative Bost had a similar issue when Sister Honorata invited my father to come to Mary Queen of Heaven School after he worked a second shift and he didn't really want to be at the school, but he came to visit and it wasn't one of the better days for me. So, what I'd ask you to do is would you change this, the date on this Bill to October 5, which is my birthday?"

Welch: "I like that. And... it's..."

Reboletti: "Would you... would you amend the Bill?"

Welch: "No, I'd like to call it as it is, you know and we can probably consider another Bill."

Reboletti: "You could call this the Representative Reboletti Bill, then I'll be a cosponsor. I'll join you up there; it'll be great."

Welch: "Thank you, Representative."

Reboletti: "Will you take this out of the record and I can file the Amendment for you?"

Welch: "You know... this is so important I'd like to call it as it is today."

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Reboletti: "Well, I appreciate that, but I guarantee you that we can bring a lot more of my colleagues on board if you could recognize me in this legislation. Would you do that, Representative? Take it out of the record, just for a day. We can continue with this next week; there's no doubt about it."

Welch: "Well, this is... this is... parental involvement is so important I think, Representative, we can't wait any longer. We need to press forward."

Reboletti: "Did you find a Senate Sponsor for this yet?"

Welch: "Yes."

Reboletti: "Who's that going to be?"

Welch: "Senator Langford has to agree to sponsor it for us."

Reboletti: "Is she your Senator?"

Welch: "Yes."

Reboletti: "So, you're not sure about the October 5 thing, but you're open to it?"

Welch: "Well, I wish I'd known about it earlier, but October is a perfect time to do this. School has normalized, you know. Let's not put a specific date because if it falls on Saturday or Sunday, I'd like to proceed as is and let the House tell the folk across the state how important parental involvement is."

Reboletti: "Well, Representative, I also have one more suggestion. I hope the... the red coat has been around for a couple years and it may be growing tired and Representative Fortner had a suggestion that maybe the first Bill participant should actually wear, we think it's Lincoln's hat. We didn't pay..."

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Welch: "Awesome. I got permission to take the jacket off."

Reboletti: "...We didn't pay six and a half million dollars for that hat, and we're not sure if Abe Lincoln wore it but I think you look pretty good in that and if you could wear that hat for the rest of this Bill, I think actually I may join you even though you won't recognize my birthday. Good luck to you representative."

Welch: "Thank you, representative."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Move the... I move the previous question."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves the previous question. There being no objection, the previous question is put. Mr. Welch to close."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think parental involvement is so important that I think the House of Representatives, for the great State of Illinois, should pass this Bill today. I would be honored that my colleagues would do this today and it would make for a great write home. So, I'm asking all of my colleagues to vote to support this Bill. And I specifically want to thank Representative Chapa LaVia, Representative Soto, and all of my colleagues who have signed on as Sponsors before I stood up here and wore this hat. And again, ask that my colleagues vote in support of this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the House Bill. Those in favor of the Bill shall vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourselves, Members. Clerk, please take the record. On this

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question, there are 98 voting 'yes', 16 voting 'no'. And this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1560, Representative Kosel. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1560, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Kosel."

Kosel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill would... would give, as amended, would change the Election Code so that the local election facilities do not have to be open on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday in the year 2013 only and that they would have extra hours to compensate for that on April 3, 4 and 5 in 2013 only. I would ask for your approval."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Representative Will Davis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Davis, W.: "So, Representative... so, on the days in which the early voting locations would be closed as you identified in the Bill, your suggestion is that they stay open later on other days, is that correct?"

Kosel: "That is correct."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So, on the days that you want it to be closed are these strictly for religious... because they're religious holidays that you're suggesting voting places be closed?"

Kosel: "Yes."

Davis, W.: "Okay. But on many of these days, you know, individuals have the day off, correct?"

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Kosel: "They could."

Davis, W.: "Well, I mean, you put... Well, you got Easter Sunday on here, Holy Saturday, Good Friday. Maybe not so much Good Friday, but these are days in which people who otherwise would be working during the week would have an opportunity, if they so choose, to actually go vote. So, essentially what you're trying to do is suppress voter turn out by suggesting on days like this that... that voting locations be closed?"

Kosel: "Absolutely not. What we're trying to do is make sure that we observe the religious beliefs of both the Christian and the Jewish faith and that we do not interfere with their celebrations of their holidays, and their religious beliefs."

Davis, W.: "So, you don't want to interfere with their religious beliefs. So, they could effectively not go on these days if they thought it would interfere with their religious beliefs, correct?"

Kosel: "Of course."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Then I'm just wondering then why do we need to officially close..."

Kosel: "We need to extend the hours on the other days and allow the people who work in those offices to be able to celebrate their holiday."

Davis, W.: "So, in terms of staying open later, could you... what exactly would that be? Two... open two hours later on at least two week days. So, you're suggesting that they close on three days, but only on two days do they stay open later."

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Kosel: "No. You must not have... you must not be looking at the Amendment..."

Davis, W.: "Oh, sorry."

Kosel: "We're looking at the third, fourth and fifth so their open for additional hours on three days for the three days that their closed."

Davis, W.: "On the three day... on the third, fourth and fifth of April?"

Kosel: "That's correct."

Davis, W.: "But that they close on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday?"

Kosel: "That's correct."

Davis, W.: "Okay. And... and your sole purpose would be just in observance of the religious holidays?"

Kosel: "Absolutely."

Davis, W.: "Okay. And you don't think that there's any way this is limiting voter turn out because..."

Kosel: "No."

Davis, W.: "...the two days... the two hours that they stay open versus an entire day where an individual would have eight hours to vote, you're suggesting that they give up an eight-hour voting window for only a two hour voting window."

Kosel: "On a holiday, yes, that's correct."

Davis, W.: "Is that correct?"

Kosel: "That is correct."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Zalewski: "Representative, I see in the text that the Bill allows the facility to close on Good Friday. Good Friday is not necessarily a holiday for a lot of public facilities, correct?"

Kosel: "Correct."

Zalewski: "So, is your Bill giving local authorities the option of closing a facility, a public facility on Good Friday that they normally wouldn't had closed had it not fallen on election... had they not a polling place?"

Kosel: "It's giving them the option, but they are not required to."

Zalewski: "I didn't hear you, Renée. I'm sorry."

Kosel: "It is giving them the option, but they are not required to."

Zalewski: "So, I guess the question is, is there any way to address the... the Bill to say that there's nothing that would close a public facility and instead of the polling place. I just feel like there's a... I mean, my concern is you're giving authorities the option of shutting down a public facility on a Good Friday simply because they happen to host a polling place there."

Kosel: "This only applies to the Election Code and it only applies to the early voting Section of it."

Zalewski: "Okay. Does your Bill say that?"

Kosel: "Not to their operations. So, the facilities, you know, if... Cook County is open on Good Friday they would continue

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to be open on Good Friday. This only applies to early voting and it is a request by many of the County Clerks across the state. We talked about it earlier in the year when we passed some things for the primary for the election..."

Zalewski: "Right."

Kosel: "...and we said we needed to address this at the same time. So this only applies to early voting."

Zalewski: "Yeah. And I... and Representative, I remember that conversation in working with the Gentleman from DeKalb on this, and I remember a very specific differentiation between, you know, allowing a facility to remain open for the purposes of conducting normal business versus not forcing people to work on a holiday they wouldn't normally work on."

Kosel: "Correct."

Zalewski: "So, you're... you're confident that your Bill only applies to polling places. It doesn't allow a public facility to shut down on a day they'd normally would require... they'd be require to be open?"

Kosel: "It only applies to the early voting... provisions of the Election Code, yes. You are correct."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, with Amendment #1 on line 6 it says for 2013 only an election authority may close an early voting place. It does not say an early voting institution; it does not say an early voting building. It says an early voting place

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where they're going to have early voting. So, I don't want to get anybody confused about some other little issues that they may or may not think, but if you read the Bill, it clearly establishes only the early voting place. I just wanted to clarify that. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Kosel to close."

Kosel: "Yes. I would ask for your approval of this Bill. Let allow people to celebrate their religious holidays in the manner they are accustomed to. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 87 voting 'yes', 21 voting 'no', 6 voting 'present'. And this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority is hereby declared passed. Mr. Pritchard, for what reason do you rise?"

Pritchard: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Pritchard: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I know you get a lot of mail and you, perhaps, skim it rather quickly, so I'd like to draw your attention to a small flyer that should be in your mailbox talking about an opportunity next Thursday from 4 to 6 to learn more about education. Now, not everyone is on education committees, but I think most of us are concerned about schools, some of the reforms that we've passed in the last few years and how those reforms are being implemented. So, I would encourage you to take note of the flyer and to join the Illinois Legislative

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Education Caucus who is sponsoring this event at the Illinois National Bank, just immediately east of the Capitol on Fourth and Capitol Drive. This particular event will have our educational institutions and experts all the way from early childhood through college talking about some of the reforms and the important issues we're going to be dealing with as we look at a budget. So, I would encourage you to take note and to join us next Thursday."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Representative Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, as you know in February we honor and respect those African Americans who've gone before us and made a great contribution to this country. I'd like to talk about, for just a second here, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, HVAC. It is the technology of indoor and automated environmental comfort. HVAC system design is a subdiscipline of mechanical engineering based on the principles of thermodynamics, fluid mechanics and heat transfer. Based on that, I want to introduce you to an African American, I'm sure you've never heard of, his name is Mr. David Nelson Crosthwait. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee in May... on May 27, 1898. David Nelson Crosthwait studied mechanical engineering at Purdue University before taking a job with the C.A. Dunham Company at Dunham. Mr. Crosthwait conducted innovative research, designed the heat system for Rockefeller Center, designed the heat system for Radio City Music Hall. He held 119 patents, 39 of them in the United States of America, some of which we're using

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today and he had 80 international patents. In all of his relations to heating and cooling and temperature regulating, he was considered a magnificent engineer who also wrote books on mechanical engineering. During his time with the C.A. Dunham Company, Mr. Crosthwait held many positions. He was the director of research. He conducted research in several areas including heat transfer, steam transport. His work led many innovations in HVAC devices and technology, and he held more than 30 United States patents as we mentioned before. Besides research and development, product development in HVAC systems design, Mr. Crosthwait advanced the field by writing articles, revising sections of several editions of American Society of Heating Ventilation Engineers Guide. His accomplishments were recognized by many in his field. He won a medal from the National Technological Association in the 1930s, and he was made a fellow of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning. He was the first African American to receive such honor and I believe, as I'm sure many of you do, if our children knew this history we'd have a much better world. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 79, offered by Representative Golar. House Resolution 81, offered by Representative Walsh. House Resolution 86, offered by Representative Sims. And House Resolution 87, offered by Representative D'Amico.

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Speaker Lang: "Leader Mautino moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no' the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now Leader Mautino moves that the House stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 26 at the hour of 12 noon. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 26 at the hour of 12 noon, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk. Have a good weekend."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 2533, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2534, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 2535, offered by Representative Sims, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2536, offered by Representative Sims, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2537, offered by Representative Sims, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2538, offered by Representative Sims, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2539, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2540, offered by Representative Smiddy, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2541, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 2542, offered by Representative Cabello, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2543, offered by Representative Cabello, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2544, offered by

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concerning revenue. House Bill 2562, offered by Representative Brad... correction Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2563, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2564, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2565, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2566, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2567, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2568, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2569, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2570, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2571, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2572, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2573, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2574, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 2575, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2576, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2577, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2578, offered by Representative Burke, Daniel, a Bill

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by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2664, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2665, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2666, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2667, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2668, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 2669, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2670, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2671, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2672, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2673, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2674, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2675, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2676, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 2677, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2678, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 2679, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for

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an Act concerning government. House Bill 2680, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2681, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2682, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2683, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 2684, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2685, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2686, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 2687, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2688, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2689, offered by Representative Ives, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2690, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2691, offered by Representative Harris, David, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2692, offered by Representative Harris, David, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 2693, offered by Representative Harris, David, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 2694, offered by Representative Harris, David, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 2695, offered by Representative Harris, David, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2696, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning

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criminal law. House Bill 2697, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2698, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2699, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 2700, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 2701, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2702, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2703, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 2704, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 2705, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2706, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 2707, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2708, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2709, offered by Representative Rosenthal, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 2710, offered by Representative Ives, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2711, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2712, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2713, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill

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2714, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2715, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2716, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2717, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2718, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2719, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2720, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2721, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2722, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2723, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2724, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2725, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2726, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2727, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2728, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 2729, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2730, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2731, offered by

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Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2732, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2733, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 2734, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2735, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2736, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 2737, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2738, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2739, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2740, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2741, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2742, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2743, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning correctional officers. House Bill 2744, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2745, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2746, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2747, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House

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Bill 2748, offered by Representative Brown, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2749, offered by Representative Smiddy, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2750, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2751, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2752, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2753, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning energy. House Bill 2754, offered by Representative Brown, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2755, offered by Representative Brown, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2756, offered by Representative Brown, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2757, offered by Representative Cabello, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2758, offered by Representative Cabello, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2759, offered by Representative Mitchell, Bill, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2760, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 2761, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2762, offered by Representative Scherer, a Bill for an Act regarding education. House Bill 2763, offered by Representative Scherer, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 2764, offered by Representative Scherer, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House

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Bill 2765, offered by Representative Costello, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2766, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2767, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2768, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2769, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2770, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2771, offered by Representative Kay, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 2772, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning unemployment insurance. House Bill 2773, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2774, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2775, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2776, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2777, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2778, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2779, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2780, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 2781, offered by Representative

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Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of these House Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 19, offered by Representative Mautino.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH 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 XIII of the Illinois Constitution by adding Sections 9, 10, and 11 as follows:

ARTICLE XIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 9. ROAD FUND

All funds collected by the State from any taxes or fees levied or imposed for the payment of bonded indebtedness for the construction of permanent highways, and for expenses of the Department of Transportation for construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation, and administration of highways shall be deposited only into the Road Fund, its successor Fund, or with a trustee for the benefit of the Road Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary, any deposits into the Road Fund are not public monies, but are self-generated, private monies to be held in trust by the legislature in accordance with the provisions of law relating thereto. Such funds shall not be

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defined as State general funds or dedicated funds required for deposit in the State treasury. No bill that has the effect, directly or indirectly, of diverting money from the Road Fund by way of sweeps, administrative charges or charge backs, or any other fiscal or budgetary maneuver that would transfer any amount from this Fund into any other Fund of the State, unless specifically authorized by law prior to the effective date of this Constitutional Amendment, shall become law.

SECTION 10. STATE CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT FUND

All funds collected by the State from any taxes or fees levied or imposed for the payment of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the State maintained highway system shall be deposited only into the State Construction Account Fund, its successor Fund, or with a trustee for the benefit of the State Construction Account Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary, any deposits into the State Construction Account Fund are not public monies, but are self-generated, private monies to be held in trust by the legislature for the payment of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the State maintained highway system. Such funds shall not be defined as State general funds or dedicated funds required for deposit in the State treasury. No bill that has the effect, directly or indirectly, of diverting money from the State Construction Account Fund by way of sweeps, administrative charges or charge backs, or any other fiscal or budgetary maneuver that would transfer any amount from this Fund into any other Fund of the State,

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unless specifically authorized by law prior to the effective date of this Constitutional Amendment, shall become law.

SECTION 11. MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND

All funds collected by the State from any taxes or fees levied or imposed for the payment of transfers to the State Construction Fund, the State Boating Act Fund, the Grade Crossing Protection Fund, and any amount remaining from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund to be allocated as authorized by the legislature shall be deposited only into the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, its successor Fund, or with a trustee for the benefit of the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary, any deposits into the Motor Fuel Tax Fund are not public monies, but are self-generated, private monies to be held in trust by the legislature. Such funds shall not be defined as State general funds or dedicated funds required for deposit in the State treasury. No bill that has the effect, directly or indirectly, of diverting money from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund by way of sweeps, administrative charges or charge backs, or any other fiscal or budgetary maneuver that would transfer any amount from this Fund into any other Fund of the State, unless specifically authorized by law prior to the effective date of this Constitutional Amendment, shall become law.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was First

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19."

Clerk Bolin: "First Reading of House Joint Resolution
Constitutional Amendment #20, offered by Representative
Ives.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted
to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at
the general election next occurring at least 6 months after
the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend
Section 2 of Article VIII of the Illinois Constitution as
follows:

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE

SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

(a) The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General
Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for
the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the
estimated balance of revenue 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 estimated balance of
revenue set forth in the Governor's budget shall be based
on the Comptroller's independent certification of revenue

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estimates for the ensuing fiscal year. 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. "Revenue" means receipts from taxes and fees; "revenue" does not include incurring debt, refinancing existing debt, or fund sweeps. No budget shall become law without the Comptroller's independent certification that the planned expenditures are less than or equal to the Comptroller's independently certified revenue estimates for the ensuing fiscal year.

(b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State. Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year. Except for deficiency or emergency appropriations, all appropriations are expendable only during the fiscal year for which they were appropriated. The General Assembly by law may establish an extended period to pay obligations incurred during a fiscal year that would otherwise lapse not to exceed six months beyond the end of the fiscal year.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the foregoing House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #20 is offered by Representative Ives. There being no

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further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."