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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. Settle down, Members. Thank you. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cellphones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most precious and sovereign God, the giver of both life and strength, it is before You that we bow our heads and humble our hearts, that this august assembly today may reverence You. God, we realize that this is truly the day that You have made and we honor it. So God, as we pause before Your most holy presence, we offer You our hearts, we offer You our minds, we offer You our lives. God, we cast upon You all of our cares. We cast upon You all of our worries and all of our weaknesses. Father, we ask of You for Your awesome presence, and for Your great strength, and for Your infinite wisdom, and for Your divine guidance. And for this, Father, God we ask in Your precious Son's name, Amen."

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

Manley - 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. Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the record could reflect, Representative Osmond and Reis are excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

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Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Andrade, Acevedo, Arroyo, Dan Burke, Golar, McAsey, Soto, and Welch are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 108 Members present, we do have a quorum. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Speaker's Conference Room. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 718, offered by Representative Morrison. House Resolution 720, offered by Representative Durkin. House Resolution 722, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 723, offered by Representative Phelps. House Resolution 724, offered by Representative Durkin. House Resolution 725, offered by Representative Poe. House Resolution 726, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 727, offered by Representative Jefferson. House Resolution 728, offered by Representative Zalewski. House Resolution 729, offered by Representative McSweeney. House Resolution 731, offered by Representative Brauer. House Resolution 732, offered by Representative Pritchard. House Resolution 733, offered by Representative Crespo. House Resolution 734, offered by Representative Brady. House Resolution 735, offered by Representative Poe. House Resolution 736, offered by Representative Franks. House Resolution 737, offered by Representative Mautino. House Resolution 738, offered by Representative Mautino. House Resolution 739, offered by Representative Mautino. House Resolution 740, offered by Representative Yingling. House Resolution 741, offered by

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Representative Ford. House Resolution 779, offered by Representative Ford."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Bradley: "I had the opportunity to drink a lot of coffee back in district, and some of the guys that I drink coffee with telling the other day, Bradley, we need to pay our bills and we need to get a surplus in Illinois. So, the House Revenue Finance Committee has been attempting to do that for the last few years, sort of help guide the ship in that direction. And in conjunction with the State Government Administration, we've been conducting tax incentive hearings that have already begun. We're going to continue that process next week. Next Wednesday morning we're going to have another hearing. We'd like to invite all the Members of the General Assembly to come to those hearings. In addition, we're going to start the revenue estimate process next week and we'll be having a hearing with regards to that. And so, we would again invite all the Members of the General Assembly to come and become informed in what's going on with Illinois tax policies and the efforts of those joint committees in working together. So, I appreciate the opportunity to speak the group and that concludes my remarks."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on January 29, 2014: recommends be adopted, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 3 to House Bill 11."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 67, offered by Representative Currie. Resolved that the 98th General Assembly, the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring herein, that when the two Houses adjourn on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Monday, February 03, 2014, in Perfunctory Session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 04, 2014, or until the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 04, 2014, or until the call of the President."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Cavaletto: "I would like to recognize the mayor of Salem, John Raymer, and his wife today who's in the gallery. Welcome to your Capitol."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for joining us. Welcome, welcome. Representative Willis."

Willis: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

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Willis: "I'd like to congratulate one of our fellow freshmen Legislators, Representative Tabares. Congratulations on her wedding, just a couple of weeks ago. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Burke."

Burke, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of Personal Privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Burke, K.: "I would like to welcome two young ladies from my district who are up in the Speaker's Gallery. Over here, my daughter, Caroline Burke, and her friend, Sarah Johanet, taking the day off school to observe Illinois Government."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, glad you're here with us today. Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Lilly: "Yes. I, too, would like to congratulate another newlywed. Representative Rita Mayfield married over the holiday. Can you give her a round... can you please stand."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations."

Lilly: "The beautiful. Rick..."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations to our two brides. Did anyone bring cake? Mr. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed. Did you get married as well, Sir?"

Jefferson: "No. Miss Mayfield got married, and I just wanted the Body to congratulate her. I don't know if anyone had done that before but congratulations to Rita Mayfield for getting married."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Mr. Ford."

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Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Democrat alert. I would like to announce that my... our seatmate Chris Welch had a brand new Democrat baby boy over the last week. And so, he's probably listening with the baby. And so, we should give him a... a baby girl? Baby girl all right. And so, we want to congratulate him on his new baby."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. The Chair recognizes Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege. I would like..."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Flowers: "I would to recognize Mayor Bury from the Village of Oak Lawn and the Village Manager Larry Deetjen. Would you please give them a hand, please?"

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield. Glad you're here with us."

Speaker Madigan: "Speaker Madigan in the Chair. The regular Session will stand in recess. The Doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement. Mr. Doorkeeper."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Honorable President Cullerton and Members of the Senate are at the door and seek admission to the chamber."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Doorkeeper, please admit the Honorable Senators. As designated in House Joint Resolution 65, the hour of 12, noon having arrived, the Joint Session of the 98th General Assembly will now come to order. Will the Members of the House and our guests from the Senate please take their seats. Mr. Clerk, is a quorum of the House present?"

Clerk Bolin: "A quorum of the House is present."

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Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we need people to take their seats and end the conversations. Take your seats and end the conversations. Ladies and Gentlemen, take your seats. Representative Ford, take you seat. Gary Hannig, take your seat. Ladies and Gentlemen, we need your attention. Chair recognizes President Cullerton."

President Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A quorum of the Senate is present."

Speaker Madigan: "There being a quorum of the House and a quorum of the Senate in attendance, this Joint Session is convened. We'd like to recognize certain dignitaries that have joined us today. If we could have you attention, please. Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could have your attention please. Please recognize Ryan Croke, the Chief of Staff to Governor Quinn; Jerry Stermer, Senior Advisor to the Governor; Gary Hannig, Legislative Director to the Governor; Lt. Governor Sheila Simon; Attorney General Lisa Madigan; Secretary of State Jesse White; Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka; the Treasurer Dan Rutherford; Auditor General Bill Holland, Superintendent of Education Chris Koch. The Chair recognizes the Majority Leader, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the adoption of Joint Session Resolution 3."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read Joint Session Res... Joint Session Resolution 3."

Clerk Bolin: "Joint Session Resolution #3. RESOLVED, That a committee of eleven be appointed, six from the House, by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate, by the President of the Senate, to wait upon his Excellency Governor



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Patrick J. Quinn and invite him to address the Joint Assembly."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie has moved for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to the Resolution, the following are appointed as a committee to escort the Governor. The appointments from the House will be: Representative Christian Mitchell, Representative Naomi Jakobsson, Representative Toni Berrios, Representative Jaime Andrade, Representative Brian Stewart, Representative Jeanne Ives. Mr. President."

President Cullerton: "The appointments from the Senate are Senator Daniel Biss, Senator Iris Martinez, Senator Pat McGuire, Senator Jason Barickman, Senator Karen McConnaughy."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escort please convene at the rear of the chamber and await His Excellency, the Governor. The Chair recognizes the Doorkeeper."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Governor of the State of Illinois, Patrick J. Quinn, and his party wish to be admitted to this chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper, admit the Honorable Governor. Mr. Governor, please proceed."

Governor Quinn: "President Cullerton, and Speaker Madigan, Leader Radogno, and Leader Durkin, Lieutenant Governor Simon, and Attorney General Madigan, Secretary White, Treasurer Rutherford, Members of the General Assembly, and distinguished guests, good afternoon. I'd like to begin by recognizing two public servants who gave their full measure of devotion to all of us on Monday night. Illinois Tollway

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worker Vincent Petrella lost his life doing his job. Vincent was struck and killed on I-88 while helping a truck driver in distress. He served with the Tollway for 13 years. He leaves his wife Sandra and two young children behind. And we ask God to bless his immortal soul. Illinois State Police Trooper Douglas Balder was with Vincent that night. At this hour, Trooper Balder is battling for his life at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood. We thank him for his ethic of service and we pray for his recovery. So, please join me now in a moment of silence and prayer for Vincent Petrella and Trooper Douglas Balder. Thank you. In Illinois, we honor our heroes and we're grateful for their service. And I'd like to welcome two more Illinois heroes: Sergeant Brent Adkins and Sergeant Benjamin Griest of the Illinois National Guard. Shortly after midnight... shortly after midnight on Monday, January 6, they answered the call. Multiple semis had jackknifed and caused a pile-up on I-57 and I-70 near Effingham. The drifts were so thick and the snow falling so hard that even our snowplows could not clear the way and more than 400 motorists were stranded in windchills of 30 degrees below. Sergeant Adkins and Sergeant Griest traveled from the National Guard armory in Mattoon through arctic conditions in the middle of the night with their wrecker in tow; that's a military vehicle that can lift more than 10 tons. They cleared the road and rescued hundreds of people. Thank you sergeants, for getting the job done. Our Illinois National Guard is the best of the best and we're very and profoundly grateful to every single member who volunteers for the Illinois National Guard. And we know that just weeks earlier, in November, many

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of our communities were devastated by deadly tornadoes. Eight people lost their lives and 2,265 lost their homes. Six-year old Brevin Hunter of Washington, Illinois, was one who lost his home. Brevin warned his mom to seek cover in their family's basement just moments before the tornado decimated their home. Brevin saved her life. Brevin and his family are here today and let's give them an applause. Way to go there, Brevin. Today and every day, we all belong to Washington, to Brookport, to Gifford, to New Minden, and to Diamond. We know that emergencies test the preparedness and resilience of our government and of our people, and we have been well tested. In the last five years, Illinois has been through 11 natural disasters. We've watched droughts plague our farmers, the backbone of our economy. We saw last April's pervasive flooding in 49 counties. We remember the tragic tornado in Harrisburg just two years ago. Extreme weather is a reality with devastating effects and it demands our constant readiness. And each and every time our state workers, our service members, and our first-responders have gotten the job done. And I think it's important that we realize that it isn't just natural disasters were all that we managed in the past five years. Some of the disasters were of man-made variety. Exactly five years ago this day, I was sworn in as Governor at Illinois' darkest moment. We were facing an unprecedented triple crisis of government corruption, economic collapse, and financial instability. We had one former Governor in jail and another one on the way to jail. And our economy had plunged into the worst recession since the Great Depression, .our financial house was on fire, set ablaze by decades of

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mismanagement and an utter lack of willingness to make tough calls. Hardworking people in Illinois lost their jobs, their homes, and their faith in those they'd entrusted with their votes. It was a perfect storm, and it left destruction in its path. We all knew that repairing the damage that had been done over decades would not happen overnight. But over the past five years, we've rebuilt, one hard step at a time. And we've been getting the job done. Illinois is making a comeback. First, we restored integrity to State Government, passing a strong new Ethics Code, campaign finance reform and a new Constitutional Amendment to allow voters to recall any Governor guilty of corruption. When I took the oath of office, State Government hadn't properly invested in our infrastructure in 10 years. But within 10 weeks, we passed the largest construction program in Illinois history. So far, we've built and repaired 7,595 miles of road, 1,311 bridges and 978 schools. Five years ago, Illinois did not guarantee equal rights to all couples. Our state did not even provide civil unions. Today, we embrace full marriage equality; it's the law of the land. And unlike our predecessors... unlike our predecessors, we've made the tough calls to balance our budget. We cut more than a billion dollars in state spending. We overhauled our Medicaid program to save taxpayers over \$2 billion. And even as we took hard steps to return Illinois to sound financial footing, we did it with compassion, preserving the safety net to protect the most vulnerable. We also accomplished comprehensive pension reform, something no Governor or Legislature had been able to do. Previous Governors and Legislators from both Parties created the

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pension crisis. They did not make the required payments into the pension funds. There was no fiscal accountability. And it led to a culture of instability, shaking the confidence of taxpayers and businesses. Resolving Illinois' pension crisis was the tallest task of all, but together, we got the job done. Since I took office, we have made the full pension payment every single year. We passed a historic pension reform law for new employees in 2010. And last year, we enacted necessary and comprehensive pension reform that Moody's said may be the largest reform package implemented by any state in the nation. Thanks to all of you who voted 'yes'. And a special thank you for the hard work of the Legislative Conference Committee Members: Senator Raoul, Representative Nekritz, Senator Biss, Representative Senger, Representative Zalewski, Senator Murphy, Senator Brady and Representative Tracy. And thank you, House Speaker Mike Madigan, and Senate President John Cullerton, and Leader Christine Radogno and Leader Jim Durkin. It was hard. It was painful. It took political courage. But together we got the job done. Today, we can tell the people of Illinois we stopped the bleeding. We turned the corner. And Illinois is making a comeback. But now, as we head into 2014, we know we have more work to do. That's why today I'm laying out a five-year blueprint for jobs. And economic growth in Illinois. It's a blueprint that builds on the foundation we've laid these past five years. And it's a blueprint that recognizes that a truly strong economy relies not just on jobs, but on fairness and inclusion. If we follow this blueprint, we'll do three things: create more jobs, deliver stronger education and build an

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economy that works for everyone. Of course, economic growth always starts with jobs and we've seen progress on this front. Since the recovery began in January of 2010, Illinois has added 280 private sector jobs. Unemployment was at 11.3 percent at the height of the Great Recession and today, it's at its lowest point in almost five years. In fact, since last May, Illinois has led the Midwest in jobs... new jobs created. And two years ago, with the strong support of the Illinois Manufacturers Association and the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, we reformed our workers' compensation system and our unemployment insurance system. These reforms have saved hundreds of millions of dollars, but we know we have more... much more work to do. And we'll start with a renewed focus on small business. Three out of every four Illinois employers are small businesses. And in the last five years, we've helped them. Through our Advantage Illinois program, we've provided loans and investments to help small business grow. One of them AllCell, a new battery manufacturer on the southwest side of Chicago. AllCell has leveraged our programs to grow from 6 full-time employees to 40 in just four years and today they're exporting all over the world. AllCell's founder and CEO, Said Al-Hallaj is with us here today. Said, we thank you and salute you and all of our small businesses for your hard work. They're all getting the job done. But we have to do more to support our small businesses, especially as they get started. In Illinois, new businesses have long paid a \$500 LLC fee when they open up shop. Let's reduce this fee to \$39, the lowest in the nation, and provide a boost to our innovators. This small but important step will encourage

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entrepreneurs to start their business and put more people to work right here in Illinois. And we won't stop there. Today I'm issuing an Executive Order to establish a Small Business Advocate whose sole focus will be to examine policies and proposals through the lens of how they impact Illinois small businesses. Let's make life easier for our small businesses and make sure small business always means big business in Illinois. In the past five years, we've also worked to level the playing field for minority and women-owned businesses. We established a new revolving loan program at IDOT thanks to the great work of Senator Mattie Hunter. And we expanded... and we expanded contracting goals for these small businesses. As a result, we've increased state contracts to minority-and women-owned firms by nearly 60 percent since I took office, an increase of 1,921 contracts worth more than \$120 million. In the Metro East, African-American businesses and workers helped build the new Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Mississippi River, which we will soon dedicate. They're getting the job done. And our businesses need modern bridges, modern highways, and railroads, and water systems. A sound infrastructure is critical to a strong economy. In the last five years, through our Illinois Jobs Now! program, we've invested more than \$31 billion into our infrastructure and this has supported more than 400 thousand jobs. Thanks to these investments, we constructed the Morgan Street Bridge in Rockford. We're building a wider Route 13 in southern Illinois. We're expanding the John Deere Expressway in the Quad Cities. And construction is underway on the new Circle Interchange to relieve congestion on the Eisenhower, Kennedy,

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and Dan Ryan Expressways. After years of gridlock, we're moving forward on our plan to build a new South Suburban Airport. And we're making the Illiana Expressway a reality, which will create thousands of jobs and strengthen our position as the largest inland port in the nation. Through our Clean Water Initiative, we're investing more than a billion dollars in clean water and creating 28 jobs along the way. And these are good jobs: jobs for welders, for cement masons, for truck drivers, for operating engineers, for pipefitters, for painters, for carpenters, for laborers. Through these projects, we're replacing ancient water mains, upgrading sewers, and building wastewater treatment plants all over our state, including in Pekin, in Decatur, in Kankakee, in Rockford, Spring Valley and Murphysboro. To date, we've received 91 clean water applications from communities across Illinois. And this year, we'll expand our Clean Water Initiative and double this investment to include critical stormwater and flood control projects. When it comes to creating the infrastructure we need for a strong economy, we've been getting the job done. And there's more work to do. We've been also making progress when it comes to preparing our workforce for the 21st century jobs. Just on IllinoisJobLink.com, our employment opportunity website, there are more than 130 jobs available right now. But many of these jobs require very specific skills. That's why we're preparing our workers for high-skill, in-demand jobs. And that's a top priority. To help us fill those jobs, we've mobilized our education system behind our '60 by 2025' goal. We want 60 percent of our adult workforce to have a degree or



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a career certificate by the year 2025. And we've been exceeding our targets every year on this mission. Since 2008, our community colleges have grown the number of people graduating with degrees or career certificates by more than 30 percent. We've also expanded dual enrollment and early college opportunities for qualified students. But we can't finish the job if deserving students aren't able to afford a college education. So, over the next five years, let's double the number of MAP college scholarships for students in need in Illinois. Our MAP scholarship program today helps about 140 thousand students go to college. Students like Shomarie Jackson, and Adriana Rivas, and Howard Brown, who are here today. By doubling the number of MAP scholarships, we can make sure deserving students in need are equipped to excel in the 21st century workplace. Another way that we can prepare our young people to succeed is through workplace experience. That's why we should expand our youth and young adult conservation corps. This will help at-risk young people get a job and gain valuable training and work experience. Through these programs, our young people will learn important skills and develop those skills while doing necessary work in state and local parks, and conservation areas all across Illinois. Now, there's no question that our veterans already have strong skills. And we're making sure those skills count here in Illinois. Last year, I issued an Executive Order mandating the assessment of military training against our state licensing requirements. Thanks to the work that followed that Executive Order, we received funding from the National Governor's Association and in the coming academic year we

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will launch Veteran Bridge Programs for military medics to attain LPN degrees at Joliet Junior College, the College of DuPage, and Illinois Central College in Peoria. Our veterans got the job done for us when they served in uniform, and now we're getting the job done for them, making sure their training counts right here in Illinois. Part of our jobs, strategy is investing in the industries that are the future of the 21st century economy. That's why we invested in 1871, the digital hub in the Merchandise Mart that has grown over 200 start-ups and created more than a thousand jobs in just two years. And that's why now, we're going to invest in a new bio-hub for pharmaceutical, medical device, and health IT start-ups. Our life science industry in Illinois has a \$98 billion economic footprint. And our new bio-hub is going to drive even more economic growth in that sector. And we should never forget Illinois has always been a manufacturing hub, especially our auto manufacturers and their suppliers. When I took office, Chrysler employed just 200 people at its Belvidere plant. We partnered with Chrysler. And now Chrysler employs more than 4,700 workers at that same plant. Five years ago Ford had just one shift at its plant on the Chicago south side, they had a total of 1600 workers. We worked with Ford, and now Ford has three shifts with more than 5,100 workers. And in the last year alone, we've promoted Illinois around the world and gotten results. After my trade mission to Canada, FER-PAL, a company that upgrades water systems moved their North American headquarters to Elgin. After my trade mission to Germany, Rittal, an international manufacturer of IT and electrical enclosures, moved their North American

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headquarters from Ohio to Schaumburg. After our meetings in Japan, Nippon Sharyo a world-class, high-speed railcar manufacturer, chose Illinois for their expansion. And after meeting with Denmark's Grundfos, the largest water pump manufacturer in the world, they moved their North American headquarters to Downers Grove. That's more jobs and more opportunities for Illinois workers. Now a strong economy also demands quality public education for all our students. And that starts with good teachers. Teachers change lives for the good. In Illinois, we honor our teachers and we appreciate their hard work. In the last five years, we've been getting the job done on education reform. Parents are now empowered with a report card on their children's school. Teacher evaluations have strong benchmarks and performance is prioritized over tenure. In fact, our reforms have become a model for the nation. But our unfinished job on education starts where it matters most, in early childhood. Study after study has shown that high-quality early childhood education provides the best return of any public investment we can make, more than \$7 for every dollar invested. That's why our state invests in programs serving our at-risk children, from birth all the way to kindergarten. Since I've taken office, I've always fought to preserve early childhood education from radical budget cuts. And we found a way to invest \$45 million to build early childhood centers in high-need areas, such as Dolton, and Kankakee and Cicero. Our state actually leads the nation in the number of three-year-olds attending preschool. But the status quo is not enough, it's not even close. The reality is, more than a third of our youngest and most

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vulnerable children don't have the opportunity to attend early learning programs before they enter kindergarten. That's unacceptable. At-risk children who don't receive early childhood education are 25 percent more likely to drop out of school, 40 percent more likely to become a teen parent, 50 percent more likely to be placed in special education, 60 percent more likely to never attend college and 70 percent more likely to be arrested for a violent crime. Scripture tells us, where there is no vision, the people perish. And that's why today I'm calling for a bold Birth to Five Initiative that will be focused on three keys to a healthy child: prenatal care, access to early learning opportunities and strong parent support. This initiative actually starts before a mother gives birth to her child by ensuring that she has access to prenatal services throughout her pregnancy. The good news is the prenatal care is already available to expectant mothers with modest incomes through our existing programs. Yet 25 percent of our low-income mothers are not receiving the prenatal care they need. Children pay the price. Mothers who do not receive prenatal care are three times likely... more likely to give birth to a low-weight baby, which leads to increased risks for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, learning difficulties and poor development. And also, the taxpayers pay the price. The cost of a birth where a baby is low-weight is five times that of a normal birth. In addition to significant medical needs that eventually burden the system, these children often require early intervention services, remedial education, and grade repetition. And they lose out on the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

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Through our Birth to Five initiative, over the next five years, we will work with our community partners, schools, and hospitals, and faith-based organizations to identify expectant mothers and connect them to prenatal services. We can ensure more children are born into the opportunities they deserve and we can save taxpayers' money, but we won't stop there. When the human brain is forming in a child's early life, it provides a critical window of opportunity to develop key academic, social and cognitive skills that will determine success in school and in life. That's why the second pillar of our Birth to Five Initiative is to provide every child with access to quality early learning opportunities. This is especially important for our African-American and Latino children. Children like Cadence Marie Robinson, a five-year-old who I recently met when I visited Spencer Technology Academy on the west side of Chicago. She sat on my knee and she told me she was getting ready for kindergarten. And then she then read the numbers on my business card to me, something that she could do thanks to the Head Start program that she was attending. With strong early childhood education, kids like Cadence are set on a path for long-term success. We're really, really proud of you, Cadence. Thank you very much for what you're doing. We also see the importance of early childhood education in people like Christine Nicpon. Raised by a single mom in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood, Christine's family struggled every month to make ends meet. Her mother always knew she wanted more for her children and, after seeing a flyer, she enrolled Christine in an early learning program. Christine then went to high school, then to college and last

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year she completed her master's degree at the University of Chicago. Today, she's a fellow at the Latino Policy Forum and striving for a career in early childhood. Good job and good choice, Christine. In 2009, I established the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development. And as a result, we've secured federal grants from Race to the Top that are allowing us to deliver high-quality early care and education programs. By properly investing in existing early learning programs and making this a budget priority, we can transform lives and save taxpayers' money, but we can't stop there. A child... a parent is a child's first teacher and best teacher. Moms and dads play the most important role in promoting the healthy development of their children. Not all families unfortunately are equipped with the information and support that they need to create healthy learning environments. That's why the third critical part of our Birth to Five Initiative calls for ensuring parents... make sure have the support and services that they need. Family involvement during preschool is linked with stronger preliteracy skills, math skills, social skills and a positive attitude. So, over the next five years, we'll connect families to a range of services and training opportunities to help them support their children's education. We'll expand our home visiting program and build on innovative community partnerships in places like East St. Louis, Aurora, North Lawndale, and in Marion. Once our Birth to Five initiative is fully implemented, mothers will be connected with prenatal care to ensure the healthy birth and development of their children. Children in Illinois will have access to quality early learning, starting at birth. And

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parents will have the tools to lead their children toward success in school, college, careers and beyond. Illinois can lead the nation in early childhood education. We already have the foundation in place. And now is the time to get the job done for Illinois' littlest. Giving our... giving our children the best start in life will lead to a stronger economy. But if our economy doesn't work for hardworking families, if it doesn't build the middle class, then our job is not done. The foundation of a strong economy is a strong middle class. In Illinois, we believe that if you work hard and you play by the rules, you deserve a fair shake. Every person, no matter what challenges he or she faces, deserves an opportunity. And that's why a big part of our blueprint today is ensuring all Illinoisans have the opportunity to pursue their dreams and enter the middle class. Building the middle class means keeping families in their homes. Thousands of hardworking Illinois families were in danger of losing their homes in the Great Recession, but we worked to fight foreclosure and promote affordable homeownership. We launched the Illinois' Hardest Hit program to help working families keep their homes. More than 11 thousand families, in nearly every county in our state, have received the foreclosure prevention support they needed. We also launched Welcome Home Heroes to give military families an opportunity to buy a home after sacrificing so much to protect our freedom. Thanks to Welcome Home Heroes, 1,150 military families have accessed more than \$140 million to help buy their homes. And we haven't forgotten about our neighbors with developmental disabilities. That's why we financed more than 2,100 new supportive housing units to

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provide individuals with disabilities more choices in their communities. And that's why we honor the example set by the students of Downers Grove North High School. They demonstrated last year what including everyone is all about. Anne Wagner, who has Down Syndrome, missed her sophomore and most of her junior year in high school when she was diagnosed with leukemia. But her friends did not forget her. Her lifelong friend, Mary Doro, nominated Anne to be homecoming queen and the students of Downers Grove North voted for Anne Wagner to be their homecoming queen. Anne and Mary, we're very proud of you. Building the middle class also means providing everyone with decent health care. Today 144 thousand more people have health coverage in Illinois who didn't have it a year ago. And many more will find coverage in the coming year through [GetCoveredIllinois.gov](http://GetCoveredIllinois.gov). Thank you, Senator Heather Steans, Representative Sara Feigenholtz, Representative Lisa Hernandez, and Representative Mary Flowers for your health care leadership. This year, we have a job to do for our fellow citizens who are making the minimum wage of \$8.25 an hour. Our minimum wage workers are doing hard work. They're putting in long hours. Yet, in too many instances, they are living in poverty. That's not right. That's not an Illinois value. That's not a fair shake. This is all about dignity and decency. I said it last year and I'll say it again. It's time to raise Illinois' minimum wage to at least \$10 an hour. Raising wages for workers who are doing some of the hardest jobs in our society is not just the right thing to do, it's also good for our economy. According to the Federal Reserve, for every dollar increase in the



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minimum wage workers spend an additional \$2,800 in their local communities. Minimum-wage workers do not admire money in a bank vault. They spend it quickly and locally, a shot in the arm to our Main Street businesses. Let's get this job done and make our economy work for working families. And another way to help our working families is the Earned Income Tax Credit, a tax credit that President Reagan once said was the best anti-poverty, the best pro-family, the best job-creation measure we could devise. In the last five years, we've doubled this tax relief for Illinois working families. And over the next five years, we should double it again. When more people enter the middle class, our economy grows. And one more thing. Forty-three percent of all workers in Illinois, more than two and a half million people have no right to a single earned sick day. Among our low-wage workers the problem's even worse: 80 percent of low-wage workers don't receive any earned sick days. And we need to do something about this. We should provide at least two earned sick days for every worker in Illinois. We need to help our workers, especially our single parents avoid that awful choice: dragging themselves from a sick bed to work or losing a day's pay or maybe even their job. More than 70 years ago, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, the test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much it's whether we provide enough for those who have too little. This, too, is about dignity and decency. Let's get this job done for working families in our state. Five years ago, this very day - I stood before you and I asked for your prayers. Illinois was in a state of emergency, and there was no quick exit.

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There were no easy solutions. Recovery would require tough medicine and unpopular decisions and it would take time. But by tackling hard issue after hard issue and never giving up we are getting the job done. Illinois is making a comeback. The ratings agencies are sending positive signals for the first time in recent memory. The backlog of bills is going down. Unemployment is at its lowest point since the economy crashed. And according to the most recent Federal Reserve Bank report, in the next 6 months Illinois is projected to have the best economic growth of the five largest states in America. Of course, we have financial challenges still ahead. And we'll be talking about the best way to meet those challenges in the upcoming budget. But the fact is our recovery is strengthening every day. And we're leading that recovery in a way that cares for working families. Pope Francis has urged all of us to say no to a financial system which rules rather than serves, say no to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Say no to a world in which the powerful feed upon the powerless. The Pope's right. Illinois is best served when we build and protect the middle class, when we open the door to those struggling to join the middle class. And by following the steps that I've outlined here today, creating more jobs, making early childhood education a top priority and building an economy that works for everyone, we can create a stronger economy than ever before and reform Illinois for the next generation. So, I ask today for your partnership. Together, we've weathered the worst man-made storm in our state's history. We've led Illinois' comeback one hard step at a time. We've worked to repair

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decades of damage. And we're getting the job done. Let's keep our shoulder to the wheel and finish that job. Let's make the will of the people the law of the land. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escort please come forward to escort the Governor from the chamber? The President of the Senate is recognized for a Motion."

President Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the Joint Session do now arise."

Speaker Madigan: "The President of the Senate has moved that the Joint Session do now arise. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Joint Session will now arise. The regular Session will come to order. Will the Members of the House please take their seats? Will the Members of the House please take their seats? We're going to call a Bill. Right. Chair would like to acknowledge the presence of Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne, thank you for joining us today. The Governor's very happy that you joined us today. Will the Members of the House please take their seats? Mr. DeLuca, would you stop hugging women. Would the Members of the House please take their seats? We would like to call a Bill. Please take your seats. Would the Members of the House please take their seats? On the Order of House Calendar, Supplemental Calendar #1, there appears House Bill 11 on the Order of Concurrence. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 11 is on the Order of Concurrence. There has been a Motion filed by Representative Rita to concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 3. That has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Madigan: "Chair recognizes Mr. Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to Concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 3 to extend ADW for another three years. That has been a sunset for the racing industry."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has moved that the House concur in the Senate Amendments to House Bill 11. Is there any discussion? Mr. Bost."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Bost: "Representative, is this an agreed to language that... that all parties are pretty well in agreement with?"

Rita: "Yes, it is. It's all agreed..."

Bost: "Okay. That... that's all we need to know. Thank you very much."

Rita: "...with the districts."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Gentleman's Motion. This is critical for the horse racing industry, which is an important agribusiness part of our state. Many think of this as just gambling, gambling, gambling, but there are thousands of jobs on the horse racing industry and if this Bill does not pass, the Illinois Racing Board will not have the funds it needs to conduct racing. Racing days will be cut, the horse racing industry will be devastated, and people in all of our districts will lose their jobs. This is a critical piece of legislation and I urge your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Rita has moved that the House concur in Amendments #1 and 3 to House Bill 11. Those in favor signify

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by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 95 people voting 'yes', 10 people voting 'no'. The House does concur in Amendments #1 and 3 to House Bill 11. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, would you give your attention to Mr. Fortner. Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege. I want to first thank the Governor for the way he opened his State of the State Address today by recognizing and honoring Vincent Petrella, a tollway worker who was killed in a tragic and fiery crash in my district on Monday. We often forget that it's not the normal first responders that put their lives on the line, and they do, as we have heard how a State Trooper involved in that same incident is fighting for his life. But there are many other workers who provide service as Mr. Petrella did. He was a maintenance worker for the tollway, on a brutally cold Monday, we all know how cold that day was, and while he saw a trucker who had become disabled on the side of the road and pulled over to lend assistance, joined later by a State Trooper to also lend assistance, another truck, not recognizing the hazard that we have worked to try to prevent through our own legislation, plowed into them in a very tragic accident. So, I just want to use this moment to recognize and honor the work of Mr. Petrella and recognize the work of all those others who are out there lending their assistance. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, Mr. Fortner. Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Madigan: "Proceed."

Davidsmeyer: "This... this past summer a good friend of mine, a young man who was a good family friend growing up over the past 15 years, him and his sister died in a tragic car accident. Today would have been his 18th birthday, and so I rise to say happy birthday, and he was very involved in politics and this would have been his first election coming up, and I'm sorry he missed it. So, to Peyton, this is for you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Thapedi."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I have a point of personal privilege, please?"

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Thapedi: "Mr. Speaker, I know that the Governor didn't do this purposely but I'd like to recognize Assistant Majority Leader, Art Turner, for his hard work on the Conference Committee with respect to pensions. Thank you, Art, for all your hard work."

Speaker Madigan: "Anybody else to correct the errors of the Governor? All right. With that in mind, we're prepared to adjourn. And providing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned to Tuesday, February 4 at 12 noon. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 4 at 12 noon, providing perfunctory time for the Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 45, offered by Representative Daniel Burke, is referred to the Rules Committee. Message from the Secretary of State, dated January 29, 2014: To the Honorable Speaker of the House, In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed House Bill from the 98th General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor, together with his objections. House Bill 2618. Respectfully signed, Jesse White, Secretary of State. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 730, offered by Representative Hays. House Resolution 745, offered by Representative Durkin. House Resolution 749, offered by Representative Pihos. House Resolution 754, offered by Representative Monique Davis. House Resolution 760, offered by Representative McAuliffe. House Resolution 765, offered by Representative Sente. House Resolution 770, offered by Representative Wheeler. And House Resolution 771, offered by Representative Kay. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4361, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 4362, offered by Representative Sims, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4363, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4364, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4365, offered by Representative Sims, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4366, offered by Representative Sims, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4367,

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offered by Representative Sims, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4368, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4369, offered by Representative Greg Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4370, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4371, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4372, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4373, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4374, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4375, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4376, offered by Representative Harms, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4377, offered by Representative Harms, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 4378, offered by Representative Christian Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4379, offered by Representative Christian Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4380, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 4381, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4382, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4383, offered by Representative D'Amico, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4384, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4385, offered by



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Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4386, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4387, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4388, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4389, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4390, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4391, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4392, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4393, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4394, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4395, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning land. House Bill 4396, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4397, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4398, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4399, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 4400, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4401, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4402, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning

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State government. House Bill 4403, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning healthcare. House Bill 4404, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4405, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4406, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4407, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 4408, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4409, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4410, offered by Representative David Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4411, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4412, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4413, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4414, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4415, offered by Representative Will Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4416, offered by Representative Sims, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4417, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4418, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4419, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4420, offered by Representative

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Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning labor. House Bill 4421, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4422, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4423, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4424, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4425, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4426, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4427, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4428, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4429, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4430, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4431, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4432, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4433, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4434, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4435, offered by Representative Halbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4436, offered by Representative Halbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 4437, offered by Representative Halbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4438, offered by Representative

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Halbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4439, offered by Representative Halbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 4440, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4441, offered by Representative will Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4442, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4443, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4444, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4445, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4446, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 4447, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Hollman: "First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #39, offered by Representative Ford. 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 add Section 8 to Article III of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE III

SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 8. VOTING - RACE, GENDER, AND LANGUAGE

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No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure related to voting, shall be imposed or applied by the State or any political subdivision of the State in a manner which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the State to vote on account of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, or status as a member of a language minority.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #39."

Clerk Bolin: "First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #40, offered by Representative Sandack.

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 the Illinois Constitution by adding Section 2.5 to Article IV as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

No person may hold the office of State Senator or State Representative, or a combination of those offices, for more than 10 consecutive years.

SCHEDULE

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This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #40. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #41, offered by Representative Sandack.

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 3 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

(a) Legislative Districts shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population. Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population.

(b) By April 15 of the year following each Federal decennial census year, the State Board of Elections, by a record vote of a majority of the total number of members authorized by law as provided in Section 5 of Article III, shall designate a computer program for redistricting the Legislative Districts and Representative Districts that meets the requirements of this Section. The designation shall include detailed specifications of the computer program.

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Any computer program designated by the State Board of Elections under this Section shall embody the following standards and criteria, as defined by Common Law, in this order of priority:

- (1) contiguity;
- (2) substantial equality of population;
- (3) compactness;
- (4) minimization of the number of districts that cross county or municipal boundaries; and
- (5) a fair reflection of minority voting strength.

Any computer program designated by the State Board of Elections under this Section shall not consider the following data:

- (1) residency of incumbent legislators;
- (2) political affiliations of registered voters;
- (3) previous election results; and

(4) demographic information not required to be used by this Section or by the United States Constitution or federal law. Except as specified in this Section, the computer program shall produce districts in a random manner.

(c) In the year following each Federal decennial census year, the State Board of Elections shall redistrict the Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts using the computer program designated under subsection (b). The Board shall file such computer generated plan with the Secretary of State no later than June 1 of the year following the Federal decennial census year.

(d) The State Board of Elections shall designate a computer program under subsection (b) and shall approve a plan under

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subsection (c) at public meetings. The Board shall give reasonable and adequate advance notice of those meetings.

(e) An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State.

(f) The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People of the State by the Attorney General.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect beginning with redistricting in 2021 and applies to the election of members of the General Assembly in 2022 and thereafter. This has been the First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #41. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."