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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 is the Illinois State Director of Capitol Commission, serving the political Leaders of Illinois. Pastor Lewis is the guest of Representative Brauer. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Lewis."

Pastor Lewis: "If you would bow with me in prayer. Father in heaven, Psalm 118:24 says this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Thank You for creating this day, for giving life and for blessing all of our lives. It's easy to focus on all that You haven't given instead of all that You have and You've given so much, not sparing even Your own Son. It's easy to focus on all the problems of our state, to blame our lawmakers, to demand more for ourselves. Instead of seeing all that Illinois isn't, let me pause to praise You for all that it is. We can be so thankless at times. Father, I'd pray that You'd comfort our elected officials as they spend long hours away from home, use the trials they face to draw them to You. May they not lord their position over others, but desire to serve, being considerate of their staff, concerned about constituents, kind to one another. Bless them as they meet today. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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

Meier - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

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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 reflect that Representative Costello is excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just let the record reflect that Representative Tracy is excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

Speaker Lang: "Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 115 Members present, the House does have a quorum. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 26, 2014: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #6 to House Bill 2846, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4591, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4769, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5938. Representative Verschoore, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on March 25, 2014: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5869; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4505, House Bill 5610, House Bill 5903. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on March 25, 2014: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5313, House Bill 5653; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4725. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on March

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25, 2014: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 2367; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution #86. Representative Hernandez, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on March 25, 2014: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 5348; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill is 4225. Representative McAsey, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment reports the following committee action taken on March 25, 2014: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4687, House Bill 5401; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4382; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 886 and House Resolution 899. Representative Berrios, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions reports the following committee action taken on March 25, 2014: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 7; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4677, House Bill 5685. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on March 25, 2014: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 5633. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on March 25, 2014: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 5454, House Bill 5593. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on March 26, 2014: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2513, House Bill 5716, House Bill 5838; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 3933, House Bill 4424, House Bill 4775, House Bill 5892. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the

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Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on March 26, 2014: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1105, House Bill 4579, House Bill 4600, House Bill 4751, House Bill 5852; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4036, House Bill 5569, House Bill 5703; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5697, House Resolution 868. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on March 26, 2014: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4486, House Bill 5548; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4525, House Bill 4593, House Bill 5828. Representative Feigenholtz, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption Reform reports the following committee action taken on March 26, 2014: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4736, House Bill 5949; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 4636, House Bill 5598. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on March 26, 2014: do pass Short Debate is House Bills 4796 thru 8463... 4860... correction on the last one... House Bills 4796 thru 4864, 4866 thru 5016, 5018 thru 5203, 5205 thru 5269, 5271 thru 5277, 3786 thru 3797, 3799 thru 3818, 3821 thru 3826, 3828 thru 3897, 3900 thru 3908, 3910 thru 3923, 3925 thru 3932, 3935, 3936, 3938 thru 3943, 3945, 3946, 3948 thru 4034, 4037 thru 4074, 4076 thru 4088, 4092, 4094 thru 4182, House Bills 5567, House Bill 5732; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 3827, 5491, 5584, 5755; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3768, and House Resolution 841. Introduction of Rules. House Resolution 952, offered by Representative

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Jakobsson and House Resolution 956, offered by Representative Lilly, are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Lang: "Page 16 of the Calendar, under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, there appears House Resolution 721. Mr. Pritchard. Please proceed, Sir."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Up in the balcony, behind us, if you ladies would please stand, is... is Melissa Leisner and Amy Bender, who are teachers from my district. But what's significant is that Melissa was awarded what might be considered an Oscar in teaching. It's the Milken Family Foundation Award, a \$25 thousand award, to an educator in the early part of their teaching career who has shown exemplary creative ability in working with students. Melissa is a seventh-grade reading and English teacher and was awarded for a very innovative café of involving students in reading. So, please join me in recognizing her and perhaps you'll have an opportunity to visit with her today."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'... say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The Resolution is adopted. Members, there's an announcement from the Chair. Democrats will go to an immediate caucus in Room 114. Republicans may do what they wish, whatever that may be. The House will reconvene at the hour of 11:30 a.m. The House will be in order. The Chair recognizes the Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary reports the following committee action taken on March 26, 2014: do pass Short Debate is House Bills 1452, 4580, 5686, 5710, 5815,

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5862, 5950; do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 5572, 5894 and House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Mr. Martwick."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Martwick: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, in the gallery today joining us, some behind the podium, I believe they're kind of spread out due to the festivities today, is a group from the Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section here to witness the Governor's Budget Address. I'd ask the chamber to acknowledge them and welcome them into Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome aboard. Happy you're with us. Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Sandack: "I have 200 guests with me, as well, in the gallery. Naperville Township Supervisor Rachel Ossyra and City of Naperville Councilman Grant Wehrli, two of my friends here visiting today's going on. Let's give them a good welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you. Happy you're here. Mr. Welch."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Welch: "In the gallery today, I'd like the Members of the House of Representatives to welcome from the great 7th District of the State of Illinois, the Village of Westchester's Mayor Sam Pulia, Trustees Angelo Calcagno, Tommy Yurkovich, and their Village Manager, Janet Matthys. Please welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Mr. D'Amico."

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D'Amico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

D'Amico: "Up in the gallery, from the Village of Morton Grove, I want to introduce Mayor Dan DiMaria, and the Trustees: Billy Gear, Janine Witco, and Terry Liston. Give them a big... a big hand. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, Morton Grove. Representative Jakobsson."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Jakobsson: "In the gallery today, surprise, in the gallery today, right up here, I have with us Teri McCarthy, who is my legislative assistant and with her is my intern, but Representative Currie, Leader Currie's constituent, Will Goff. Will is a student at the University of Illinois, so he is an intern in my office this semester. Please welcome them."

Speaker Lang: "Happy you're here. Thank you. Representative Soto."

Soto: "Thank you, Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Soto: "This is a reminder to the Latino Caucus that we have a 1:30 meeting in Room 100 regarding temporary driver's license. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Representative Williams."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, please."

Williams: "I just wanted to welcome my fabulous interns, Chasse Rehwinkel and Doris Hernandez, who've come down to visit us for a couple days. Normally, they're doing a great job holding down the fort in the 11th District. So, welcome."

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Speaker Lang: "Happy you're aboard. Mr. Harms."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Harms: "I have a guest with me today, Nicole Trumble, who used to be a coworker of mine before I came down here."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Glad you're here. Mr. Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Mautino: "Joining with us in the Speaker's Gallery is Tony Kestner, who is the Chief of Police from Streator, Illinois and he's down visiting today and here with the Chief of Police Association. We thank them for their work."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Welcome. Mr. Clerk, please read the Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 950, offered by Representative Durkin. House Resolution 951, offered by Representative Reis. House Resolution 953, offered by Representative Brauer. House Resolution 954, offered by Representative Franks. And House Resolution 955, offered by Representative Cassidy."

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. Mr. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Mr. Speaker, I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Moffitt: "I'd like to ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging one of our other colleagues who, even though he does not look any older, he is a year older today. So, would

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you please help recognize and celebrate the birthday of our colleague, Representative David Harris."

Speaker Lang: "Happy birthday, Representative. There's still 23 minutes before the Governor gets here. Do you have cake, Sir? Chair would like to acknowledge a couple of his own elected officials in the gallery. From Lincolnwood, the Mayor, Jerry Turry, and Trustee Craig Klatzco. We also have quite a few in the gallery representing different municipalities in the Northwest Municipal Conference. Rise to be acknowledged. Welcome."

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

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

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper, please admit the Honorable Senators. As designated in House Joint Resolution #76, 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. quorum... Mr. Clerk, is a quorum of the House present?"

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

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. President, is a quorum of the Senate present in this chamber?"

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

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Speaker Madigan: "There being a quorum of the House and a quorum of the Senate in attendance, this Joint Session is convened. Ladies and Gentlemen, could everyone take their seats. Attorney General Madigan, could you please take your seat. Please take your seats. Let's bring down the noise level. Let us prepare for the Governor. At this point we'd like to acknowledge dignitaries who have joined us today. Let's begin by the... the Governor's budget director, Mr. Jerry Stermer. Jerry. The Governor's director of Legislative Affairs, Gary Hannig. The Deputy Governor, Ryan Croke. The Auditor General, Bill Holland. Chair of the Arts Council, Shirley Madigan. Her daughter, the Attorney General, Lisa Madigan. The Secretary of State, Jesse White. The Lieutenant Governor, Sheila Simon. The Comptroller, Judy Topinka. The Treasurer, Dan Rutherford. The 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 4."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read Joint Session Resolution #4."

Clerk Hollman: "Joint Session Resolution #4. Be it

RESOLVED, That a committee of ten be appointed, five 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 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

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committee to escort the Governor. The appointments from the House would be Representative Kelly Burke, Representative Robyn Gabel, Representative Cynthia Soto, Representative John Anthony, Representative Tom Dermer... Mr. Demmer. Mr. President Cullerton."

President Cullerton: "The appointments from the Senate are Senator Emil Jones III, Senator Dan Kotowski, Senator Heather Steans, Senator Michael Connelly and Senator Chapin Rose."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escort please convene at the rear of the chamber and await His Excellency, the Governor. The Doorkeeper is announce... is recognized for an announcement."

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. Ladies and Gentlemen, will you come to attention. Mr. Governor."

Governor Quinn: "Well, thank you. President Cullerton and Speaker Madigan, Leader Radogno and Leader Durkin, Lieutenant Governor Simon, Attorney General Madigan, Secretary White, Comptroller Topinka, Treasurer Rutherford, Members of the General Assembly, distinguished guests and fellow citizens of Illinois, good afternoon. I'm here today to propose not only a budget for the next fiscal year, but also a five-year blueprint that will secure Illinois' long-term financial future. I will be forthright and specific with you. Illinois is in stronger financial position now than we were five years ago. Because of the hard choices that we've made, today we're

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in a position to balance the budget in a way that protects the middle class by providing significant tax relief. We're also in a position to invest in our schools because the future of our economy depends on the quality of our education. Five years ago, when I took the oath of office, Illinois was headed over a steep financial cliff. We were facing the worst pension crisis in America. Our economy was trapped in the worst recession since the Great Depression. The backlog of bills was on its way to \$9.9 billion. And for too many years, our state was overspending, our revenues did not match our expenditures. Together, we began the long, hard journey to rebuild Illinois. And over the last several years, we've addressed the cost-drivers of the financial crisis that I inherited. First, we had to cut state spending by more than \$5.7 billion. We slashed wasteful spending. We renegotiated numerous contracts with our state vendors. We reduced our office space by 2.4 million square feet. We cut the use of paper, pagers, landlines and cell phones, saving millions for the taxpayers. We also did the hard things to drive down the cost of operating State Government. We closed and consolidated more than 50 state facilities. We overhauled our Medicaid program, rooting out waste, fraud and abuse. We made hard choices to reduce Medicaid spending. We reformed our workers' compensation system. And we made Illinois government more sustainable. We adopted clean technologies and we moved away... or moved towards energy-efficient vehicles. Today, we're using far less fuel than we did five years ago. We made our government buildings more efficient to save taxpayers' money. Illinois now leads the nation in LEED certified energy-

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efficient buildings. Today, the cost of running State Government is below 2008 levels. We've cut more than \$5.7 billion from our budget since I took office. Illinois is now one of the states with the lowest ratio of government employees per capita. We also took on the pension crisis. Unlike the past, I made the pension payment every single year since I became Governor. In 2010, we took the first step of pension reform, passing pension reform for future public employees. And last year, we passed urgently-needed, comprehensive pension reform that will preserve the hard-earned pensions of our workers while eliminating the pension debt over the next 30 years. This was the most significant fiscal reform in the history of Illinois, a reform that credit agencies are saying could be one of the most meaningful reform packages in the nation. Together, we got the job done. And last year, we secured a historic contract agreement with our public employee unions. After 15 hard months at the bargaining table, we reached a landmark three-year agreement that is saving Illinois taxpayers more than \$900 million in health care costs over the life of the contract. That is unprecedented. No Governor in the last four decades has been able to achieve that kind of savings for our taxpayers. And as a result of our hard work to restore fiscal stability, from spending reductions, to pension reform, to contract savings, Illinois is in much stronger financial position than it was five years ago. We've paid down \$5 billion in bills and we're well on our way to a timely 30-day payment cycle. The rating agencies are sending positive signals for the first time in recent memory. More people are working in Illinois

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today than five years ago. Since January of 2010, when the national recovery began, Illinois has added more than 257 thousand private sector jobs. Our state was recently named the third best in the nation when it comes to corporate expansions. As a matter of fact, Illinois acquired more than 18 thousand new business establishments since 2009, a number that was third in the country. We've turned the corner. We're on the road to recovery, but too many families don't feel that recovery yet and we have much more work to do. The truth is, while we've taken some difficult steps to balance the budget, the issue of expiring revenue this year is a real challenge that will require another hard choice. If action is not taken to stabilize our Revenue Code, extreme and radical cuts will be imposed on education and critical public services. Cuts that will starve our schools and result in mass teacher layoffs, larger class sizes and higher property taxes. Cuts that mean 13 thousand teachers laid off, 21 thousand fewer seniors receiving the help they need from in-home caretakers. Thirty thousand people... fewer people with mental illness will receive the assistance they need, 41 thousand fewer children will receive day care, 30 thousand fewer students will receive MAP scholarships to go to college, 11 thousand victims of domestic abuse will not receive the shelter and assistance they need, 3,700 victims of rape left without proper care. Thousands of senior citizens in nursing homes will be left vulnerable, with severe cuts to our nursing home inspectors and hundreds of our veterans would be evicted from our Veterans Homes. We cannot stand by and allow savage cuts to our education and to these critical services to

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unravel the progress that we have made over the last five years. And as we work together to forge a solution, let me be clear about what I won't do. I won't institute any new, unfair taxes on everyday services that working people rely on. It hurts working families the most to tax basic services like going to the Laundromat or like taking your child to day care or like visiting the barbershop or taking your dog to the vet. We should not create any new and unfair tax burdens on everyday families and the small businesses that serve them. I also won't tax retirement income. I will not tax the Social Security checks that our seniors on fixed income rely on. We shouldn't balance our budget on the backs of senior citizens. Finally, I will not underfund our schools and shift more of the property tax burden... we cannot underfund our schools and shift more of the property tax burden on to homeowners in local school districts. That is exactly what slashing state funding for our schools will do. Cutting state education funding not only shortchanges our children, it increases the burden on school districts whose funding is dependent on local property taxes. Make no mistake, cuts to state funding for education will dramatically increase local property taxes on families and businesses. The path forward lies in bold and honest action. Now that we've addressed the roots of Illinois' financial crisis, it's time to take bold steps to secure our long-term financial future for economic growth and for fairness. Therefore, I propose today a solution that protects our children, protects our working families, and protects our seniors by preventing radical cuts to education and critical services. A solution that provides significant tax relief to

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homeowners and working families, while investing like never before in education and early childhood education. My comprehensive tax reform plan starts with providing every homeowner in Illinois with a guaranteed \$500 property tax refund every year. In Illinois, more is collected in property taxes every year than in the state income tax and state sales tax combined. In fact, Illinois has one of the highest property tax burdens on homeowners in the nation, more than 20 percent above the national average. The property tax is not based on ability to pay. The property tax is a complicated, unfair tax, hitting middle-class families the hardest. Homeownership and home-buying are essential to growing our economy. And thanks to the fiscal reform progress we've made over the last five years, today we can provide Illinois families with significant new property tax relief. An annual property tax refund that is fair, substantial, and permanent. For too long, Illinois has underfunded its schools and overburdened its property taxpayers. Now, Governor Jim Edgar and I, we don't always agree, but he was right in 1997 when he advocated a plan to use the income tax to invest more in education while cutting property taxes for the middle class. This fundamental principle was right then and it's right now. It's time for Illinois to confront the fact that we rely too much on a 19th century property tax system to fund the most important mission of the 21st century: educating our children. It's time to do something about this and that's why my plan calls for the most significant property tax relief in state history. In addition, my plan also calls for doubling the value of the Earned Income Tax Credit over the next five

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years. President Reagan once said that this credit was the best anti-poverty, the best pro-family, the best job-creation measure we could ever devise. More tax relief for working families raising children will strengthen our economic recovery. My plan also provides for tax cuts for businesses for job training. Employers know that highly-skilled workers are the key to their success in this competitive economy. By lowering the cost to business of training workers, this tax cut makes it easier for them to create new jobs and it ensures our workers have the skills to drive a 21st century economy. Finally, this comprehensive tax reform plan would maintain current income tax rates, allowing us to balance the budget, properly invest in education, and provide every Illinois homeowner with a guaranteed \$500 property tax refund every year. By taking this comprehensive approach to tax reform, we can stabilize the budget for the long-term in a way that provides targeted tax relief where it's needed the most: to homeowners and to working families raising kids. It's time to move away from the era of annual budget emergencies and temporary solutions. As long as I'm Governor, we are not going to accept a future of higher and higher property taxes. There's a better way. My plan secures Illinois' long-term financial future in a way that protects middle-class families. And it's a far cry from the fundamentally dishonest plan that says we can do nothing at all and somehow emerge without extreme budget cuts and the property tax increases resulting from them. In addition, our plan includes responsible measures to make sure Illinois lives within its means for years to come. We need to establish solid spending

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caps to enforce fiscal discipline, to ensure Illinois never again defers its obligations. We also need to build our reserves to protect taxpayers in the event of an economic downturn or an emergency down the road. This will allow for better budget stability, so we can build our reserves in the good times and draw upon them in the hard times. Together, spending caps and a Rainy Day Fund will provide for the strongest fiscal controls over state spending that have ever been implemented. This will ensure that state leaders never again spend money they don't have. In the last five years, we've worked to get our financial house in order by cutting spending, enacting pension reform, and securing a better deal for taxpayers with the new collective bargaining agreement. In the next five years, through our plan, we can secure long-term stability while providing targeted tax relief to working families raising children, and to homeowners, who will receive a guaranteed \$500 property tax refund every year. Over the coming weeks, I stand ready to work with each of you to negotiate and pass a budget that provides property tax relief to the middle class and better funds our schools. On this path, we can achieve a state budget that properly funds education, properly funds public safety, and properly funds critical human services. The budget I propose to you today is a five-year blueprint for growth that will secure Illinois' long-term financial future. It's a plan which invests in our people to strengthen our economic recovery. My plan recognizes that we must continue to repair and invest in our infrastructure. Five years ago, when I took office, you worked with me in good faith to pass the largest construction program

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in Illinois history to update our roads, our bridges and our schools. That program, Illinois Jobs Now, has supported more than 400 thousand jobs. We've built and repaired 7,731 miles of road, 1,330 bridges and 1,048 schools, but there's much more work to do. We must continue to invest in building a world-class transportation system in order to compete in the 21st century. That's why today I am proposing a bipartisan working group to develop a new capital plan for the next five years. In addition, over the next five years, my plan calls for the biggest education investment in state history. Every child should have an excellent school. In my State of the State address, I announced a bold Birth to Five initiative that will drive our economic growth for the next generation. At-risk children who don't receive a high-quality 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. We will never close the achievement gap without our Birth to Five initiative. That's why my blueprint invests one and a half billion dollars in Birth to Five. It's a game-changing investment in our economic future. We also need to better fund our elementary and our high schools... our elementary schools and our high schools. In 2011, we worked together to enact landmark education reform that was the model for the nation. Parents are now empowered with a report card on their children's education and school. Teacher evaluations have strong benchmarks, performance is prioritized over tenure.

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And I want to thank Senator Kim Lightford, Representative Linda Chapa LaVia and all of you for your work on this important legislation. We believe in public education. And with these historic reforms in place, now is the time to increase our investment in the classroom to its highest point ever. Over the next five years, we will increase our investments in the classroom by more than \$6 billion. In addition, we're moving to modernize our classrooms all across the state. Every classroom in Illinois should be a classroom of the future. The great equalizer in our democracy is public education. All students, no matter where they live, deserve to go to a first-rate school. My plan... my plan will also increase our investment in our community colleges and our four-year public universities. We need to expand opportunities for students to attend college. That's why we will double our investment in the MAP college scholarships for students in need. We also need... we also need to increase access to higher education through dual enrollment and early college programs. Finally, our financial blueprint will protect state funding to local governments over the next five years. Local governments... local governments are critical partners and they have also been hard hit by the recession. By providing them with the stability they need to fund critical local services like police officers and firefighters, we'll make sure our local governments share in the growth and recovery of Illinois. I was elected in 2010 to be straight with the people of Illinois and to be straight with you. The truth is, those who are telling you that Illinois can tax less and spend less and still expect to fund

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education are simply not telling you the truth. The truth is, Illinois is spending less, billions less, even as demands have grown. The truth is, our structural budget reforms that we fought for in the past five years are critical to recovery, but alone they are not enough. We cannot cut our way to prosperity. Today, I propose that we take the path that is honest and responsible. The path that protects everyday families and invests in their future. The honest path that includes some additional hard steps, but leads us out of the era of budget emergencies and into the era of long-term financial security and a booming economy. Our plan is specific. It's concrete and it's responsible. It balances the budget and it doesn't shirk our responsibility to our veterans, to our children, to our working families, and to our most vulnerable citizens. I ask each of you to consider the merits of this proposal. And I stand ready to work with you to pass a budget and do the right thing for our children. As President John F. Kennedy once said, our deep spiritual confidence that we will survive the perils of today compels us to invest in the future to consider and meet our obligations to our children and to the numberless generations that will follow. President Kennedy was right. We are custodians of our children's future. Together we have taken many hard steps in the right direction. We have acted with political courage and we can continue to do that. Let's keep Illinois moving forward and make the will of the people the law of the land. Thank you very much."

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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 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Joint Session will now arise. The regular Session will come to order."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Mr. Clerk, Supplemental Calendar #... on Supplemental Calendar #1 there appears House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 1. Mr. Clerk, move this Constitutional Amendment back to the Order of First Reading and please read the Constitutional Amendment for the first time."

Clerk Hollman: "House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1, offered by Representative Lang as amended.

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 8.1 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

SECTION 8.1. CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS.

(a) Crime victims, as defined by law, shall have the following rights:

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- (1) The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy and to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal justice process.
- (2) The right to notice and to a hearing before a court ruling on a request for access to any of the victim's records, information, or communications which are privileged or confidential by law.
- (3) The right to timely notification of all court proceedings.
- (4) The right to communicate with the prosecution.
- (5) The right to be heard at any post-arraignment court proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue and any court proceeding involving a post-arraignment release decision, plea, or sentencing.
- (6) The right to be notified of the conviction, the sentence, the imprisonment, and the release of the accused.
- (7) The right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.
- (8) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.
- (9) The right to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in denying or fixing the amount of bail, determining whether to release the defendant, and setting conditions of release after arrest and conviction.
- (10) The right to be present at the trial and all other court proceedings on the same basis as the accused, unless the victim is to testify and the court determines that the victim's testimony would be materially affected if the victim hears other testimony at the trial.

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- (11) The right to have present at all court proceedings, subject to the rules of evidence, an advocate and other support person of the victim's choice.
- (12) The right to restitution.
- (b) The victim has standing to assert the rights enumerated in subsection (a) in any court exercising jurisdiction over the case. The court shall promptly rule on a victim's request. The victim does not have party status. The accused does not have standing to assert the rights of a victim. The court shall not appoint an attorney for the victim under this Section. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to alter the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the prosecuting attorney.
- (c) The General Assembly may provide for an assessment against convicted defendants to pay for crime victims' rights.
- (d) Nothing in this Section or any law enacted under this Section creates a cause of action in equity or at law for compensation, attorney's fees, or damages against the State, a political subdivision of the State, an officer, employee, or agent of the State or of any political subdivision of the State, or an officer or employee of the court.
- (e) Nothing in this Section or any law enacted under this Section shall be construed as creating (1) a basis for vacating a conviction or (2) a ground for any relief requested by the defendant.

SCHEDULE

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

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full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #...
Amendment #1 as amended."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please move HJRCA1 to Second Reading.
Chair recognizes Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier, before the Governor's
speech, it was mentioned about a Member on the House Floor
that it was their birthday today. We have another birthday.
He wasn't on the House Floor at the time and we wanted to
make sure and mention that. Our good friend Raymond Poe has
a birthday today. So, if everybody could wish him a happy
birthday."

Speaker Lang: "Happy birthday. Where's the chicken? Mr. Clerk,
committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting this
afternoon. Meeting at 1:00 this afternoon is Business &
Occupational Licenses in Room 115, Labor & Commerce in Room
413, State Government Administration in Room 118,
Transportation: Vehicles & Safety in D-1 and the recessed
Insurance Committee will meet in Room 114. Meeting at 2:30
this afternoon is Appropriations-General Services in D-1,
Higher Education in Room 413, Health Care Licenses in Room
114. Meeting at 3 p.m. is the recessed Human Services
Committee in Room 115, recessed Judiciary in Room C-1 and
Consumer Protection in Room 4... 114."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the
House, it's not only Representative Poe's birthday today, but
it's also Nancy Pelosi's. But did you know that Nancy Pelosi
didn't bring you any cake but Representative Poe did? There's

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two sheet cakes in the backroom for your enjoyment. Please go back and wish Raymond a happy birthday. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "That's better. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Thursday, March 27 at the hour of noon. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned 'til Thursday, March 27 at the hour of 12 noon."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6018, offered by Representative Seng... offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6019, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution #50, offered by Representative Lang, is referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."