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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on January 28, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #1 to House Resolution 63. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 319, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 320, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 321, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 322, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 323, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. First Reading of these House Bills."

Speaker Lang: "The hour of 12 having arrived, 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 Commissions, 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: "...with me in prayer. Psalm 121 opens with, I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? And Sal must answer saying my help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He emphasizes the point five times over that the Lord helps His people, He keeps His people, He holds on to his people. And Father, I think about that in the months

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that are ahead. I pray that our lawmakers would humbly look to You for help, You the Lord, God, the one who made heaven and earth. Pray that You would bless them as they honor You in their work and that You would protect those who will be commuting from Chicago to Springfield really through May. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

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

Ammons - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Gabel is excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have excused absences for Representative Phillips and Representative Poe today. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Representative Sente, are you here? Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 114 Members, we do have a quorum, and prepared to do the business of the people. Chair recognizes Mr. Cavaletto."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Cavaletto: "Thank you. When you're watching the Super Bowl Sunday, I want you to take a real good look at the helmets because they're made right there in Marion County in Salem, Illinois. And the mold of that helmet is made at Kaskaskia College. So,

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Illinois does take a part in the Super Bowl this year and I'm sure there's a few players here in the Super Bowl also. So, thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Bellock is recognized."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. All Republicans will caucus in Room 118, right now."

Speaker Lang: "My understanding is that your caucus is for 30 minutes."

Bellock: "Yes."

Speaker Lang: "The House will reconvene at the hour of 12:35 p.m. The Democrats, you're on your own. The House will be in order. The House will be in order. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 63. Leader Currie is recognized."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the adoption of House Amendment 1 to 2 House Resolutions 63."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. So House Resolution 63, as amended, would supply us the Rules for the next biennium. These Rules are primarily technical in nature with occasional exceptions. They're clarifications, they're restatements, they're making sure that one Section in the Rules does not conflict with another. And I would urge, Speaker and Members of the House, that these Rules are fair Rules, they are democratic Rules, they are Rules that will enable us to do the job that our constituents sent us here to do. We all know that a good framework doesn't guarantee a good result. There are countries across this world that have Constitutions that look

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terrific on paper, but they are manipulated. They are people who are despite tyrants who undercut those very provisions. These Rules that we have before us today are fair; they are democratic. And I can tell you that they have served to rep... to represent and to be responsive to each and every one of us in the 90th, the 91st, the 92nd, the 93rd, the 94th, the 95th, the 96th, 7th, and 8th Generals Assembly. These are Rules under which we have operated fairly, effectively, and responsibly. Under this very same set of Rules, under this very administration, the number, the proportion of Bills that have been approved by committee is proportionate to the representation of Members of the Majority and Minority Party in this House. So if 60 percent of the Members are Democrats, 60 percent of the Bills are introduced by Democrats. That's approximately the number that succeeds in the committee vote. That's the number, approximately, that succeeds on Third Reading. So each and every one of us has had an opportunity to be treated with respect, with civility. Our voices are heard, our constituent voices are heard. Under these Rules, we have the chance to make sure we are solving the problems of the people of the State of Illinois. We know that we can work under these Rules in a bipartisan manner. These Rules, Speaker and Members of the House, are fair, open, democratic Rules. I urge your 'aye' vote. And I would be happy, along the way, to answer your questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields, but there's been a request made to hold the noise down in the chamber. This is... there can't be

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anything more important than adopting the Rules under which we will conduct ourselves for the next two years. So Ladies and Gentlemen, let's bring the noise down. If you must speak, go to the rear of the chamber. Leader Currie."

Currie: "I closed. I'm ready for questions."

Speaker Lang: "Sorry, Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Leader, thank you for looking out to the voice of the Minority Party. I want to talk a little about the voice of the public. Those that we serve, and what their voice is within the Rules, and their ability to have more transparency. You and I touched on it a little bit yesterday in committee. As the Rules stand today, is there still just the one-hour posting requirements, that didn't change in the Amendments, Floor... Floor Amendments? We still just have one..."

Currie: "Floor Amendments will be treated the way have been so fairly treated so that our constituents can be heard over the last nine Generals Assembly."

Sullivan: "So we still have the one-hour posting for people to view potential Amendments to Bills?"

Currie: "Yes, we do."

Sullivan: "Okay. And in regard to the budget, normally we have seen the budget lan... you know, land on our desk, our staff's desk the night before. Has there been any more transparency within the Rules in the last two Amendments that came out from yesterday that would have more waiting period or more viewing period for the budget?"

Currie: "Same Rule. And as I said in committee yesterday, we start our work on the budget in February when we are presented with

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the budget message from the Governor. From February until the end of May, it sometimes drags into June or July, everything is posted online. There is every opportunity for the members of the public to participate, in the first place, in our budget debates through committee hearings. Every opportunity for the public to stay abreast of the Amendments that are offered, the changes that are made. So I would urge that ours is a transparent, accountable process, and I see no reason for any changes."

Sullivan: "Well, thank you. To the Resolution. Some of the ideas that the Minority Party has in regard to transparency are really those two items. We would like to see, and hopefully, Representative, it's a work in progress and we can have further discussions down the line. We would like to see a posting the night before of any Amendment to have a hearing so there's more transparency to the public. I think we all would agree that would be a good thing. And in regard to the budget, you're talking about thousands of pages, and we haven't done a very good job budgeting the last few General Assemblies. We would like to see a three-day waiting period to have time to view the budget so the public has more input. That's our request. Thank you for your time and explaining the Rules. We would like more transparency and that, hopefully over time, we can talk about. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Leader yield for a few questions, please?"

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

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Sandack: "Thank you. Leader Currie, we... we had a nice collegial discussion yesterday about the Rules and in large part, they obviously are very much the same as in the 98th and in pervious General Assemblies. I note that in your opening commentary you said that the Rules are fair and democratic, and I assure... or I assume you mean democratic with a small d."

Currie: "I definitely meant it with a small d. In fact, many of my Democratic colleagues, Democrat with a capital D, are complaining to think that so many of the Bills we consider are yours."

Sandack: "Well, I am happy to hear their complaints should they wish to air them over here. But let's... let's go through a couple of the concepts because in your opening statement about being fair and democratic with a small d, we had discussion yesterday about, obviously, I assume you're always open to make... to making the Rules more fair when we find instances where they could be for... made more fair."

Currie: "We are always, always open to sensible suggestions from our colleagues, whether Minority Party Members or Majority Party Members."

Sandack: "And so throughout the 99th, should something become known to any of us here, we could always amend the Rules. Yes?"

Currie: "I'm sorry, I missed that. Was that a question?"

Sandack: "And should some inequity or a way to make the Rules better occur..."

Currie: "Yeah. We definitely would. And in fact, staff reminds me that many of the proposals in House Resolution 63 are

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proposals... are corrections that were brought to us by your staff and we were grateful for their willingness to take time, trouble, to do their homework and give us some very good ideas."

Sandack: "Thank you for that. And my point hopefully is that should new instances of improvement be made known, you'd be open to making changes as we go along as well, correct?"

Currie: "Of course."

Sandack: "Thank you for that. Did you have an opportunity, Leader Currie, to see House Resolution 73 which was filed by my Leader, Representative Durkin?"

Currie: "I did."

Sandack: "And in your... and in your review of those Rules did you see any potential improvements, as laid out by House Resolution 73?"

Currie: "I just saw them earlier today, and so far I have seen no improvements."

Sandack: "Well, I'd like to highlight two that we talked about yesterday, that maybe we could just... maybe we won't agree that they're improvements, but one was limiting lame duck Legislators and Legislatures. The idea of being, like back in 2011, any late legislation after lame... after Veto Session be requiring 71 affirmative votes, like it would be done in Veto. Do you think that's an unfair Rule?"

Currie: "I don't think it's helpful. It seems to me lawmakers elected for a two-year term, Governors, Members of the Senate, elected for four-year terms, are elected just for that. And I see no reason to distinguish one month from another in terms

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of their ability, their capacity, to represent the interest of their constituents."

Sandack: "Well, Leader, of course there's a distinguishing factor between one month to the other. In Veto Session, a supermajority is required. Why wouldn't that occur a couple days or weeks thereafter and right after or right before a new Legislature is to be seated?"

Currie: "There's also a constitutional issue. And that is that the constitution specifies the appropriate Majorities. So for example, after midnight May 31st, a Bill immediately effective requires an extraordinary Majority. That required a Constitutional change. And I think that you're proposing by Rule would not be acceptable. I would encourage you, if you think this is a good idea for public policy reasons, to introduce a Constitutional Amendment."

Sandack: "We... we did last Session. I suspect we will this Session. And I'll bring it over to you hopefully for you to cosponsor."

Currie: "Yeah. I didn't say I agree with you. In fact, I think I said I strenuously disagreed with you."

Sandack: "Let's also talk next about discharging matters that are sitting in Rules Committee. We talked a little bit about it yesterday. Obviously, on our side of the aisle, we think it's not good democracy, small d..."

Currie: "Three-fifths I know. We talked about it in committee."

Sandack: "...for the process that ensues. Leader, in how many instances during your tenure have you seen a matter discharged from Rules where three-fifths have requested in writing from both Parties?"

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Currie: "That's right; that is the current Rule. If there is something that is really important, for the people of the State of Illinois, a problem to solve here in the House of Representatives, then I should imagine that there will be a three-fifths vote from the Members of the Minority Party Caucus, from the Members of the Majority Caucus, to send that Bill to the appropriate committee. It hasn't happened yet."

Sandack: "But Leader, I asked you how many instances that occurred."

Currie: "The Rule... the Rule has only been there a couple of terms. Yesterday, I invited you to start the ball rolling."

Sandack: "Yeah, I know."

Currie: "I reiterate the invitation."

Sandack: "And I thank you for that. My question was, in how many instances have you seen it accomplished?"

Currie: "Yeah. I haven't seen anybody even begin the process and..."

Sandack: "And... and I would suggest, Leader..."

Currie: "...it's only... it's only the last Session, I believe, that that Rule has been in place. So there's plenty of opportunity in the coming two years for you to make your mark, Representative. Start the ball rolling."

Sandack: "I suggest what we have in House Resolution 73 is a far more democratic, small d, Rule that simply requires 71 affirmative written requests to move a Bill from discharge. Last question, wait, two more questions. With respect to the Amendment filed today, what was the rationale for changing how spokespersons, Minority spokespersons and chairs are calculated prospectively?"

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Currie: "First of all, let me point out to the Members that this Rule will only apply to people who become a Member of the House after today. So current people, whether they were appointed in the middle of a term, at the end of a term, will not be denied the opportunity to be a cochair, a committee chair, Minority spokesman, or what have you. I think there is a concern that maybe only those who've been elected should be able to join the seniority line that was proposed by at least one Member of the Legislature, and apparently others think that it's a good idea. So I don't really understand the rationale. I can understand, maybe, the rationale that says if you come in a day before the next Assembly is being sworn in, maybe you shouldn't get a whole two-year terms' worth of seniority. This Rule is broader than that. But again, it only applies to people who become Members of this Body after today."

Sandack: "Thank you for that. One more question, Leader. With respect to some of the committees that are contained in the Rules, I noticed that Mass Transit was not contained as a committee. Do you know why?"

Currie: "Yeah. I believe there are several other Transit Committees and as you know, we have some new committees that Members have asked to be created. I think one on environmental sustainability. There is a new Economic Development Committee. And intermodal might have something to do with Mass Transit as well. But a lot depends on the interests of the Members whose seniority entitles them to chair or become the Minority spokesman on a committee."

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Sandack: "Thank you, Leader Currie. To the Resolution, Speaker. Obviously, in this new era of bipartisanship there is an inclination on my side of the aisle to take hold of an opportunity to work together with our friends on the other side of the aisle except the Rules really aren't democratic with a small d, they're still Democratic with a capital D. So I'm going to ask my friends on the other side of the aisle to be open to new Rule changes as they come forward and look forward to real bipartisan opportunities to work together as we forge ahead. The next budget being the most daunting task the 99th faces. So, I'm going to ask my colleagues on this side of the aisle to vote 'no' on this proposal. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. We've had a full debate. Full discussion with a small demo... a small d, democratic discussion and I encourage your 'aye' votes. This is the road to bipartisanship. It is the road to ensure that we do the job the people sent us here today to do. That we do not behave as a debating society. These are solid, fair, open Rules that encourage transparency, accountability, and solutions for the people who sent us to Springfield. I urge your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 70 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Joint Resolution 7, Leader Currie."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. This just sets up the opportunity for the Governor to come next week to present us with the State of the State message. I urge your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Seeing no debate, those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Chair recognizes Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I would like to make a special announcement. A week from today is Go Red for Women Day at the Capitol. So I wanted to remind everyone to participate in the Conference of Women Legislators along with the American Heart Association special event. Please remember to wear your red next Wednesday, February 4. The Go Red for Women photo opportunity will be downstairs in the Capitol rotunda at 10 a.m. Please help us raise awareness for the number one killer of women, heart disease, in Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 5, offered by Representative William Davis. House Resolution 8, offered by Representative Dan Brady. House Resolution 12, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 13, offered by Representative Riley. House Resolution 16, offered by Representative Currie. House Resolution 17, offered by Representative Brauer. House Resolution 18, offered by Representative Brauer. House Resolution 19, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 20, offered by Representative Wallace. House Resolution 21, offered by Representative Wallace. House Resolution 22, offered by

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Representative Wallace. House Resolution 23, offered by Representative Wallace. House Resolution 24, offered by Representative D'Amico. House Resolution 25, offered by Leader Durkin. House Resolution 26, offered by Representative Jackson. House Resolution 29, offered by Representative Bradley. House Resolution 31, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 32, offered by Representative Phelps. House Resolution 33, offered by Representative Wallace. House Resolution 34, offered by Representative Riley. House Resolution 37, offered by Representative Walsh. House Resolution 38, offered by Representative Tryon. House Resolution 39, offered by Representative Hammond. House Resolution 40, offered by Representative Nekritz. House Resolution 41, offered by Representative Crespo. House Resolution 42, offered by Representative Crespo. House Resolution 43, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 45, offered by Representative Bradley. House Resolution 46, offered by Representative Bradley. House Resolution 47, offered by Representative Sims. House Resolution 48, offered by Representative Gabel. House Resolution 49, offered by Representative Wehrli. House Resolution 50, offered by Representative Dunkin. House Resolution 51, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 52, offered by Representative Ives. House Resolution 53, offered by Representative Yingling. House Resolution 54, offered by Representative Moylan. House Resolution 56, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell. House Resolution 58, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell. House Resolution 60, offered by Representative Greg Harris.

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House Resolution 62, offered by Representative Moeller.
House Resolution 64, offered by Representative Bradley.
House Resolution 65, offered by Representative Kifowit.
House Resolution 66, offered by Representative Leitch. House
Resolution 67, offered by Representative Brady. House
Resolution 69, offered by Representative Frese. House
Resolution 70, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House
Resolution 71, offered by Representative Kelly Burke. And
House Resolution 72, offered by Leader Durkin."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie 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. Chair recognizes Mr. Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Rise to a personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Brauer: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, one of the guards that guard this door for the last several years, Walt Harris, has had a heart attack this last week. Fortunately, although it was severe, he went to the hospital very quickly and expects a full recovery. Please keep him in your prayers."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Brauer. Mr. Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Brady: "Would all of my colleagues please join me in a nice birthday greeting and wish to our own House Republican Leader, Jim Durkin, who is celebrating a birthday today."

Speaker Lang: "Happy birthday, Leader. You wish to respond? Leader Durkin is recognized."

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Durkin: "Yeah, I do. I'm 54 years old today. I'm premature grey. My back hurts. My ankle is sore. But look who I'm with and where I'm at. I wouldn't want it any other way. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Thanks for sharing all you maladies with us, Sir. Mr. Brady. Oh and Mr. Brady you..."

Brady: "I just... no I just wanted to say that I'm glad I wished him a birthday with all the symptoms or problems that he has and I wish him very, very many more happy birthdays."

Speaker Lang: "We're going to send a doctor over to you, Sir, to help you with some of those issues. Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, please."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Sir. And I turn from a light-hearted comment to an issue I'd like to just mention, to put before the House and the House record, or in the House record, recognition of an event that took place yesterday. Yesterday was the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi extermination camp at Auschwitz. Over 1 million people were exterminated in that single location. Think about that, 1 million people were exterminated, were killed and burned, cease to exist in one location. The majority of those people were Jews, some were prisoners of war, others gypsies, political dissidents, and others who simply cease to exist. And Auschwitz was not alone. There are other names like Dachau, and Bergen-Beisen, and Sachsen... Sachsenhausen, and Treblinka, Sobibor. These are just as infamous and horrible and those names are the epitome of evil in this world. It

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would be nice to think that after World War II we eliminated evil in the world, but unfortunately Stalin killed 20 million of his fellow citizens. Pol Pot killed 2 million Cambodians in the killing fields. And even today, terrorists calling themselves the Islamic State systematically kill thousands of men and women, often by beheadings, all in the name of religious fanaticism. So as we remember the liberation of Auschwitz, let us also remember that there is still true evil, hatred, and bigotry afoot in the world. And we in this House stand with the Jewish community and all others who have suffered at the hands of dictators and tyrants as we tell them we will never forget. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for that, Mr. Harris. The Chair recognizes the Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "In your desk, if you have not already seen, you have some instructions on the new laptops, also with a sheet authorizing your use of it. Please sign those before you leave today and return it to staff. In addition, the Rules Committee will meet immediately after Session."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Good morning. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Ammons: "Thank you. I wanted to just ask this august Body to pray for the family of Rusty Chism. He was a division chief of the Urbana Fire Department and just passed and had a funeral service on yesterday. We know how dangerous it is to be a firefighter and we really want to send our words of condolences to the family and wish them well as they continue

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to move forward at the loss of their family member. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. And now, leaving.. leaving time for the Clerk, Leader Currie now moves that the House stand adjourn until Wednesday, February 4 at the hour of 11:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 4. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted and the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on January 28, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the Order of the Resolutions is House Joint Resolution #12. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 6, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 7, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 9, offered by Representative Wheeler. House Resolution 10, offered by Representative Kay. House Resolution 11, Representative Thapedi. House Resolution 14, offered by Representative Thapedi. House Resolution 15, offered by Representative Thapedi. House Resolution 27, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 28, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 35, offered by Representative Hoffman. House Resolution 44, offered by Representative Bradley. House Resolution 55, offered by Representative Ives. House Resolution 59, offered by Representative Manley. House Resolution 68, offered by Representative Ford. House Joint Resolution 1, offered by Representative Willis. House Joint Resolution 2, offered by

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Representative Sente. House Joint Resolution 4, offered by Representative Kifowit. House Joint Resolution 5, offered by Representative Meier. House Joint Resolution 6, offered by Representative Anthony. House Joint Resolution 8, offered by Representative Kifowit. House Joint Resolution 9, offered by Representative Bradley. House Joint Resolution 10, offered by Representative Cloonen. House Joint Resolution 11, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 324, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 325, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 326, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 327, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 328, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 329, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 330, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 331, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 332, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 333, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 334, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 335, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 336, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning

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criminal law. House Bill 355, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 356, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 357, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 358, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 359, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 360, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 361, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 362, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 363, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 364, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 365, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 366, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 367, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 368, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 369, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 370, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning family law. House Bill 371, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 372, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning local

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government. House Bill 373, offered by Representative Jackson, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 374, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 375, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 376, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 377, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 378, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 379, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 380, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 381, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 382, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 383, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 384, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 385, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 386, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 387, offered by Representative Martwick, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 388, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 389, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 390, offered by Representative Keith Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill

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391, offered by Representative David Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 392, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 393, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 394, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 395, offered by Representative Unes, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 396, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 397, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 398, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 399, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning orders of protection. House Bill 400, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 401, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 402, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 403, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 404, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 405, offered by Representative Sandack, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 406, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 407, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 408, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 409, offered by

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Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 410, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 411, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 412, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 413, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 414, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 415, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 416, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 417, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 418, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #14, offered by Representative Demmer.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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 5 of Article IV and Section 2 of Article VIII of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 5. SESSIONS

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(a) The General Assembly shall convene each year on the second Wednesday of January. The General Assembly shall be a continuous body during the term for which members of the House of Representatives are elected.

(b) The Governor may convene the General Assembly or the Senate alone in special session by a proclamation stating the purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by law, or as provided in subsection (c) of Section 2 of Article VIII.

(c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and committee meetings of a house may be closed to the public if two-thirds of the members elected to that house determine that the public interest so requires; and meetings of joint committees and legislative commissions may be so closed if two-thirds of the members elected to each house so determine.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE

SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

(a) The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the estimated balance of revenue available for appropriation at the

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beginning of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of every department, authority, public corporation and quasi-public corporation of the State, every State college and university, and every other public agency created by the State, but not of units of local government or school districts. The budget shall also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of the State and such other information as may be required by law. Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget. Deficits shall not be carried forward from one fiscal year into the following fiscal year. In the event, after enactment of the State budget, revised estimates of expected revenues or expenditures, or both, show that expenditures will exceed estimated revenues, adjustments shall be made as necessary to revenues or expenditures, or both, to ensure that actual expenditures do not exceed actual revenues for that fiscal year. "Revenue" means receipts from taxes and fees; "revenue" does not include incurring debt, refinancing existing debt, or fund sweeps. No budget shall take effect unless: (i) the budget adheres to the spending limit set forth in this Section; and (ii) the Comptroller independently certifies that the planned expenditures in the budget are less than or equal to the balance of revenue estimated to be available by the General Assembly. Programmatic appropriations shall not be less than the amount required by State or federal law.

(b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State. Appropriations

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for a fiscal year shall not exceed the average annual revenue collected for the 3 prior years, adjusted in proportion to changes in population and inflation. All appropriations are expendable only during the fiscal year for which they were appropriated. Any lapse period spending shall not exceed the previous end-of-year budget balance. Current revenues shall not be used to pay for previous fiscal year lapse period spending.

(c) (1) Within 30 days of the enactment of the law or laws comprising the State budget for a fiscal year, the Comptroller must certify whether the enacted budget will be balanced with expenses not exceeding funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year pursuant to subsection (b).

(2) Within 10 days after the certification by the Comptroller that the budget is not balanced, the General Assembly must convene to address the State budget and enact a new State budget. If a special session is not convened by the Governor or the General Assembly by proclamation by the tenth day, the declaration by the Comptroller under this paragraph (2) shall operate to convene the General Assembly in special session on the tenth day. Upon the enactment of the law or laws comprising the new State budget, the Comptroller must certify whether the new State budget will be balanced with expenses not exceeding expected revenue.

(3) If the Comptroller finds at any time during the fiscal year that the State budget has become unbalanced, the procedure in paragraph (2) must be followed to create a balanced budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been the First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #14."

Clerk Hollman: "Introduction and First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #15, offered by Representative Welch.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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 11 to Article IX of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IX

REVENUE

SECTION 11. TAX FOR EDUCATION

Notwithstanding subsection (a) of Section 3 of this Article, and in addition to any other tax, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, a tax shall be imposed on individuals in an amount equal to 3% of income greater than \$1,000,000 for the taxable year. All revenue collected pursuant to this Section shall be distributed to school districts solely to provide for full day kindergarten. The General Assembly by law shall provide for the implementation and enforcement of this Section.

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 was First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #15. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #16, offered by Representative DeLuca.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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 in Article IV by adding Section 2.5 as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

(a) A person may not serve as a Representative for more than 3 terms of office that begin on or after the date that this Section is declared adopted.

(b) A person may not serve as a Senator for more than 3 terms of office that begin on or after the date that this Section is declared adopted.

(c) A person is considered to serve a term of office for the purpose of this Section if the person is elected or appointed to serve any portion of the term.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to the election of

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members of the General Assembly in the first general election to occur after this Amendment is declared adopted and thereafter. This Constitutional Amendment does not, however, affect the terms of members of the General Assembly elected before this amendment is declared adopted. This was First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #16. First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #17, offered by Representative Ford. RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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 11 to Article IX of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

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SCHEDULE

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

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Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. This was the First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution #17. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."