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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 July 21, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 681; Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4143."

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

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Dear Lord, we come before You today in sound body and mind, praying that on this day You grant us wisdom and guidance. During these hard times of negotiations, we pray that everyone can come together on one common ground and resolve the issues for the people of Illinois. Let us also pray for the men and women in all branches of our Armed Services. And Lord, humble us to remember that yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift and that is why it's called the present. These things we ask in Your Son's name, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "Be led in the Pledge by Mr. Zalewski."

Zalewski - 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. Brown."

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Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Breen, Cavaletto, Demmer, Jesiel, Leitch, McDermed, Poe, Reis, Sosnowski, Stewart, Tryon, Unes, and Wehrli are excused today. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. We have 96 Members present. And there is a quorum. Chair recognizes Mr. Morrison."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could... a point of personal privilege. I would just ask the Body and the state as a whole to remember an amazing man who passed away in my district a few... several weeks ago. He was... his obituary was highlighted in... in both *The Daily Herald* and *The Chicago Tribune*, maybe you... you caught it. The power of one life to impact so many and to save untold lives. Some of you in... in this Body actually met this man. He was a physician from the town of Inverness, and back in the early '70s had the desire and the, you know, drive to create a paramedic service in Illinois. And so, he championed this effort. Initially, he met some resistance because there was a belief that those first responders wouldn't have the... the medical knowledge or the know-how, and yet with his persistence, with his skill, he was able to train dozens and hundreds of firefighters to become paramedics. And for those of you in this room who have participated in the fire ops program, you had a chance to meet him. At the time I met him, I didn't understand who he was or... or what kind of a pioneer he was, but his name was... his name was Dr. Stanley Zydlo. And at his memorial and funeral in Palatine a few weeks ago, there was an amazing turnout of... of suburban firefighters who benefited from his

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training, from his vision, and as I said, we'll never know how many lives were saved because of... of his action and his commitment. Things that he... he pushed, training paramedics and... and getting them to understand the... the seconds and the minutes that count, and the things that can be done on the scene to an accident victim to... to save their life. And... and it... it's just an amazing story. So, I would... I would ask you to look at the Resolution that I've just submitted, and also to look up that obituary in the *Tribune*. And if I would just ask the Body, if we could have a moment of silence for Doct... Dr. Stanley Zydlo. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Chair recognizes Representative Williams."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Williams: "I had an interesting experience on the way to the Capitol this morning. When I was at the Hilton getting my coffee, I saw a bunch of veterans walking around the Hilton area. So, I stopped to talk to a couple of them and learned that it's the Vietnam Veterans of America National Convention. So vet... Vietnam veterans from all over the country are converging in Springfield this week to, you know, interact with each other, learn from each other. And I just thought it was important, if you're out and about or if you're not, to take the time to thank a veteran for their service today."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Soto."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, please."

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Soto: "Yes. I'd like to introduce my son... get up, Carlos and Elijah... and his friend. So Carlos is my grandson, and Elijah is his... his friend. So they're here to Page for the day. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield. Thanks for joining us. Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of order, please. Pursuant to House Rules, I move for discharge of House Bill 4225 from the House Rules Committee. I've done this before, Mr. Speaker, but I think in light of circumstances, I'd ask for the House's serious consideration. Pursuant to Rule 54(a)(2), all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status, and I wish to debate this Motion. And upon conclusion of debate, I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49, Article 4 Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be recorded whenever five Representatives shall show their request, and as you can see, Mr. Speaker, there are more than five that think this issue merits a real debate and discussion. I... Mr. Speaker, I'm assuming you're going to say I'm out of order, so I'm going to ask for a Roll Call on my Motion, pursuant to rights granted in the House Rules and Illinois Constitution. Mr. Speaker, this rule that... that this prevention, frankly, of a hearing on House Bill 4225 is en... frankly, a travesty, because I believe there are Democrats that want to vote on this. As most people know, Legislators get a cost-of-living increase that begins at the end of this month. That is in direct, frankly, opposition to what's going on with the rest of the state. Unfortunately, we've been unable to bring this Bill to

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light, and have a real legitimate debate. Frankly, the Democrats want to raise taxes on working families for... and... and spend more money, and we think a 2 percent increase for Members of the General Assembly, which will automatically go into effect, is absolutely wrong, and we strongly oppose it. House Republicans are pushing... pushing for passage of 4225 to block any raise. Our legislation specifically prohibits cost-of-living adjustments for Members of the General Assembly and other elected state officials for this nut... upcoming fiscal year. While we face visib... difficult budget decisions in the coming weeks, this should be an easy decision. We're in full-blown fiscal crisis right now, we're facing 5 billion in a backlog of unpaid bills, and struggling to find resources to pay for vital services. It is unconscionable that Democrats in the General Assembly would even consider accepting a pay raise. Speaker Madigan needs to demonstrate some fiscal responsibility. He needs to immediately release House Bill 4225 from Rules, so we can reject a pay raise, and allocate those dollars where they're needed most. Mr. Speaker, I ask for a recorded Roll Call on my Motion. Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack, your Motion is out of order. Rule 18(g) provides a method to discharge a Bill from the Rules Committee. Your Motion does not comply with the Rule; and therefore, is out of order. Mr. Batinick is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Batinick: "I can't say I have every Rule memorized, but based on... on what just happened, I'm hoping that everybody could

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actually just take a moment and listen for a little bit. You know, I had the town hall meeting last night, and there were service providers. We're going to be doing something here today as well. Everybody is going to have to give in a little bit on this budget crisis. This is a really easy thing to do. This should be an easy thing for the Body to accomplish. And if we can't do this easy thing, I don't know how we're going to do the hard things. So I'm begging that we reconsider... reconsider Ron's Motion or figure out how we can get this Bill passed. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bryant."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Bryant: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in the gallery today, I have the distinct honor and privilege of introducing to you a very special guest, if you'll notice right up here. On Saturday, June 13, at the Marion Civic Center, Miss Crystal Davis of Anna was crowned Miss Illinois. Crystal entered the Miss Illinois pageant after first being Miss Southern Illinois. Crystal's work as Miss Illinois requires her to be an ambassador to all parts of the state, though we're awfully proud that she hails from Southern Illinois, in particular, from Anna. As Miss Illinois, Crystal's platform is titled *Crystal Clear Driving: Eyes on the Road*. Her mission is to educate Illinoisans of the dangers of distracted driving. I'd ask my colleagues to join me in giving a big Springfield welcome to Anna native and newly crowned Miss America, Miss Crystal Davis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Lang: "Welcome and congratulations. Mr. Anthony is recognized."

Anthony: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I ask that you join me in welcoming my Page for the day, Tyler Goodspeed. Tyler, wave for everybody. Tyler's a 16-year-old kid from Plano, and he's here with his dad, who I used to work with as a Kendall County Sheriff's Deputy, Tom Goodspeed, who joins us in the Republican side. Welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Franks: "I... thank you. I don't usually like to talk about federal things, but I wanted to acknowledge a few things that happened federally recently. Yesterday, we opened our embassy in Cuba, and they opened theirs in Washington, D.C., and I wanted to applaud President Obama for doing that. As you know, we... Illinois helped lead the way that... for that to occur. Former Governor George Ryan had led a trade mission to Cuba. Representative Burke and myself had done one a few years ago. And I think it's a natural progression, and I want to thank the leaders of our country for doing that. I also wanted to talk about another issue. I just wanted to let people know that I hate Donald Trump. And... and not because of his orangutan-colored hair or toupee, whatever it is, I can't tell. I believe in natural colors, I'm not sure what color his is. Not because he likes to just bloviate to the electorate, I... I hate Donald Trump because he is running second in the polls for President for nomination in the Republican Party. What I didn't like was the fact that when

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he made his racist, xenophobic chants, that only one person who wanted to lead this country on the Republican side, Senator Lindsey Graham, spoke out against it. Now recently, he made even just as obnoxious and ridiculous remarks about Senator McCain, that luckily were rob... were loun... roundly denounced. You think about Senator McCain, and I had the privilege of visiting where he was kept as a prisoner for five years in Hanoi, and the conditions in which he was kept in. And there was a man who could've gotten out early, but didn't. And then he's denounced by a guy who wants to lead this country. And I tell you, the silence when a cretin like this gets up and talks, and is not beaten down by those who want that, really concern me. So we might disagree on policies, but we shouldn't give up on our human decency and the respect that we have for each other. So I think we need to demand more from our leaders, especially those who want to lead our country, and call out when an emperor has no clothes. I... I think that we have an obligation to raise the political discourse, and instead of looking for scapegoats, we need to work together for solutions to our state and our country. And I don't want our chamber to become as polarized as what's happening in Washington. So I'd ask that we try to work together in these coming weeks. Keep it civil, I know we're going to be disagreeing, but folks, the people are counting on us to get things done, and the citizens deserve better."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to ask for a moment of silence to start out. Thank you. Will the Body rise, please? I... I wanted to bring... I mean, I don't know if I'm supposed to

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say that or you, but... anyway, I wanted to bring it to the attention of everyone that in the City of Decatur, we lost our mayor this week, and he's only, I think, 63 years old. He had a heart attack, and got... driving himself to the hospital, and got in a wreck, and died immediately. So it's a great loss for... for our community right now, and he's... he's done a... a lot. Working with me, he was always been there to... to do his part, and he's done a lot to help our community raise out from the harsh unemployment that we've had in... in Decatur. He's been mayor for a very long time. He and I even went to the same high school, and I was friends with his brother. So there's a whole lot of things I could say, but at this moment, I think that'll take care of it. And if we could just have a moment of silence in respect of... of Mike McElroy; we called him 'Tuna'. And we're going to miss him dearly."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I'm also going to ask for a moment of silence in a moment. But before I do that, I'd like to pick up on the comments that were made by the... by the Gentleman from McHenry County. You know, the individual on our side of the aisle who's running for President, you know what we ought to do? We ought to slap his ass in a fighter jet, send him up over enemy territory, have him get shot down, spend five and a half years in the Hanoi Hilton, suffering deprivation, suffering torture, and let him find out what it is to be a hero. That's the type of person that we have. But as I was saying, I would like to ask the Body to take a moment of silence. As we know, last Thursday a... a terrorist... a homegrown extremist opened up, with automatic

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weapons fire and... and shotguns and a handgun, and literally slaughtered four Marines at a recruiting station, and then a... a wounded sailor subsequently died on the following Saturday. A terrible, terrible tragedy. Those individuals in uniform are becoming targets, and they are becoming targets for these lone extremists. It's very difficult to deal with these folks. It's tough to pro... protect against. But they deserve everything, every honor that we give them for wearing the uniform of the United States. And I think we should take a moment of silence to recognize those five individuals who gave their lives."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Hammond is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please go right ahead."

Hammond: "I would just like, at this time, to ask the Members of the Body to keep there... in mind a community in my district, Cameron, Illinois, that was devastated by a tornado last week. And while there were no lives lost, and no serious injuries, there are a lot of folks that do not have their homes, and certainly do not have their businesses to go back to today. But I do want to thank Governor Rauner for making a trip to the community, the Illinois State Police for keeping the security of the community, Illinois Emergency Management, the Ameren crews, and all of the EMS and... and fire protection folks that were there on scene to help the residents of Cameron. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Golar."

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Golar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was out last week, but there was a lot of violence during the week of the 4th of July. And in my second hat that I wear, in terms of my job for the Chicago Police Department, we had a march for the 7-year-old that was killed by the name of Amari Brown. I would like the Body to stand in regards to this young soul. There's a lot of violence that is happening all across Chicago. This young man, this boy, this child, and I marched in that march with over 400 people, and they were all young children that were out there because of the loss of Amari Brown. And so I just ask that we reflect on many of the things that we're here for, and of course, everyone is saying, well, we need to do this, we need to do that, but a 7-year-old shot down senselessly during a celebration weekend, and is happening a lot of times in our communities. And we just ask, as the Chicago... especially Chicago reps, we are carrying a burden of a lot of violence. And so, we ask that you have peace and blessings for us because we carry a lot that we have to do in regards to trying to make our communities safe. So I ask for a moment of silence."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Supplemental Calendar #1, Order of Resolutions, House Joint Resolution 90, Representative Gordon-Booth. Mr. Clerk, please read a Committee Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on July 21, 2015: recommends be adopted House Joint Resolution 90."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Gordon-Booth."

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Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 90 would designate that Illinois Route 24, beginning at the intersection of South Adams and the Illinois Route of 24 that also goes into Bartonville, Illinois, ending at the intersection of Griswold at Route 24, which goes into Peoria. It would designate it as the Jim Thome Highway. Jim Thome is... was born and raised in Peoria, Illinois. He played 22 seasons in Major League Baseball from 1991 to... to 2012. He was a prolific hitter that had over 612 home runs in his tenure. He was also the seventh all-time hitter. He played for six teams, most notably with the Cleveland Indians, Philadelphia Phillies, and the White Sox, where he reached the 500 club. Jim is well-known for his baseball prowess, but in our community, he is more well-known for his philanthropic giving, his constant positive attitude, and his gregarious personality. I ask for the Body's adoption of this Resolution."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to speak to the Resolution to say thank you to the Representative for doing this. Jim Thome is an outstanding player and an individual, and want to thank you for putting his name on a highway. I think that'll be a tremendous remembrance of him, and just saying as an outstanding White Sox player, we all support him. And also, he lived in my hometown for a while, for the last couple of years. So thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves,

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Members. Have all voted who wish? Anthony. Please take the record. On this question, there are 96 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. Page 4 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 681, Mr. Bradley. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 681, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Bradley."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "I stand to call the Governor's property tax proposal once again. This is identical to Bills called previously and identical to the Governor's proposal. I would ask for the support of this Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack on the Motion."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few questions of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor will be happy to yield, Sir."

Sandack: "Thank you. Representative, is Punxsutawney Phil going to give us a prediction on how many votes your Bill will get this time?"

Bradley: "You control that 'cause... until you vote for it."

Sandack: "Well, it's your Bill. And I... I feel like it's Groundhog Day times three, or maybe even four. Because my guess is you don't even know yourself how many times you've presented your Bill and/or amended your Bill."

Bradley: "It's 8 or 9."

Sandack: "I knew you couldn't answer it for sure, but it's 8 or 9. That's a lot of times. When will enough be enough? And that was rhetorical, Representative. To the Bill, or to the

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Amendment, excuse me. There... there's no reason to believe that this is any more legitimate than the 8, 9, maybe 10 previous instances of this charade, this joke, this embarrassment, this waste of time, this sham. Because this is the personification, the definition, the embodiment of a waste of time. And I'm... unfortunately, we're not doing any... anything good to move the needle with respect to the budget. Instead, we're playing political games, and that's a shame. Let's stop playing the groundhog game. Hopefully, this is the last time we vote on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Do you wish to close, Mr. Bradley?"

Bradley: "Identical to the Governor's proposal, identical."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 39 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no', 20 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Bradley."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "This is the prevailing wage, collective bargaining portion of the Governor's proposal. It is identical to his language. I do not support this Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 0 voting

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'yes', 66 voting 'no', 14 voting 'present'. And the Amendment fails. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Chair recognizes Mr. Brown for an important announcement."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans request an immediate caucus in Room 118 for one hour."

Speaker Lang: "The Republicans will caucus in Room 118 immediately. The Democrats will caucus in Room 114 immediately. Immediately, as in right now. The House will be in recess 'til the call of the Chair. The House will be in order. The Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move the House now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for purposes of a subject matter hearing on the fiscal '16 budget. This hearing in accordance with guidelines that have been established by the Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. And the House resolves into a Committee of the Whole.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DO NOW ARISE

Speaker Lang: "And we will return to regular Session. Representative Bellock is recognized."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

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Bellock: "I'd like to be sh... recorded as voting 'present' on
Second Amendment of House Bill 681, please."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention."

Bellock: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Frese."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Frese: "I'd like to welcome someone pretty special here with us
today. A state officer for the student group FCCLA, Family,
Career, Community Leaders of America, Marleigh Fifer, right
up here. Marleigh, welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber."

Frese: "And also, a very important adviser for her, Mrs. Frese.
My wife, Ronda Frese."

Speaker Lang: "Hello. Welcome. Happy you're here with us. Page 6
of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, there appears
House Bill 4143. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4143, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations. This Bill was read a second time on a previous
day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by
Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. If I may, I'd like to adopt the
Amendment, and discuss the... no, I think I'd like just to go
ahead and adopt the Amendment. No... Craig..."

Speaker Lang: "Representative, you want..."

Currie: "...are we going to call it?"

Speaker Lang: "...a Roll Call on the Amendment?"

Currie: "Yes."

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Speaker Lang: "Do you want to explain the Amendment then?"

Currie: "Then I will explain the Amendment. You heard a lot of testimony this afternoon, testimony about critical, important state services that today are not funded. What this Amendment provides is funding for county fairs, funding for low-income energy assistance, funding for immigrant welcoming centers, and also immigrant services. Neither county fairs nor energy assistance takes any money at all from General Revenue Funds. Total spending in these four programs would come to \$602,000 in GRF, and \$2,790,000 in all funds. So I'd be happy to answer your questions. You heard the testimony today. You know how important these activities are. Again, just to reiterate, two of the programs require no GRF funding. And the effort here is to keep the lights on for one month, so that county fairs can go forward, so people can get the energy assistance they need, and so new Illinoisans are given the services they require."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representatives Barb Wheeler, David Harris, Tom Morrison, Jeanne Ives, Ed Sullivan, and Steve Andersson. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "We're running out of room up here, Sir. I don't think we can fit these names on here. The record will reflect your comments. Mr. Sandack is recognized."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few questions of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, I... unfortunately, wasn't able to hear you clearly. With GRF, this is coming out of GRF for these expenditures, correct?"

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Currie: "All right. Two of the line items would take GRF, but the other two would not."

Sandack: "Could you identify which items would be implicated with GRF, please?"

Currie: "Yes. For county fairs, no GRF. For energy assistance, zero GRF."

Sandack: "And the other two..."

Currie: "For the welcoming centers, 119,900. And for the immigrant services, \$482,800."

Sandack: "Thank you for that clarification, Representative. What would be the effective date of the Amendment and obviously, the Bill, if it became law?"

Currie: "July 1."

Sandack: "All right. And so that would, not for purposes of this Amendment, but for purposes of the actual Bill, we would need how many votes?"

Currie: "We... yes."

Sandack: "Yes."

Currie: "Yeah. It..."

Sandack: "We would need votes... I'm asking how many votes, Ma'am?"

Currie: "Seventy-one..."

Sandack: "Thank you. Okay..."

Currie: "...if we do it now. If we wait and do it later, it'll only take 60."

Sandack: "Okay. And we know the Senate won't be back in Session until August 4. I... obviously, the Senate President could call them back sooner..."

Currie: "Yeah."

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Sandack: "...but assume that he doesn't. Isn't this an act, if there is no action by the Senate, or if there's no..."

Currie: "Well, yes."

Sandack: "...if the Senate doesn't meet until August 4, this is all for naught, is it not?"

Currie: "The Senate could come back at any time, as you know. And I personally don't know their schedule."

Sandack: "And lightning could strike in a bottle, Ma'am. Thank you. To the Amendment. Obviously, this is yet again another act of futility. The Senate isn't back until August 4. This is another show vit... show vote because we need 71 votes. And I don't even know if we have 71 people here right now. Unfortunately, this budgeting process has taken on an extremely weird life of its own. Rather than actually do the real work of budgeting, we have these show trials. We put on a vote on Second Reading. We don't get the required vote. It won't go to the Governor. And even if it did somehow get to the Governor, because Senate President Cullerton called the Senate down, this... the Governor's not going to sign it. It's going to languish, and it's going to go away by its own accord. This is more of the same, which is a shame. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wheeler."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Lady yields."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you. Leader Currie, I know we all swore an oath to uphold the Constitution of the State of Illinois, which clearly includes the phrase, or actually the sentence here, 'Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds

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estimated by the General Assembly to be available for the fiscal year.' Furthermore, we are also bound by state statutes, such as the COGFA Act, and since today this is an effort to make appropriations, if we're using the Illinois State Constitution as a guide, we then also need to know the estimated funds available for appropriations, and then that statute, the statute itself in Illinois, is outlined for the process of the revenue adoption, and is done so in the COGFA Act, which I am looking at a paragraph here, that says that 'the House and Senate, by Joint Resolution, shall adopt or modify such estimates as may be appropriate. The Joint Resolution shall constitute a General Assembly's estimate.."

Currie: "It's not relevant to this.."

Wheeler, K.: "...under paragraph (b) of Section 2 of Article VIII of the Constitution, of the funds estimated to be available during the next fiscal year. Leader Currie, did the... did COGFA actually publish a revenue estimate on or before the third Wednesday in March this year?"

Currie: "You know, I would ask the Chair to ask the questioner to confine his remarks to the Amendment. We are talking an Amendment, a one-month budget Amendment, not funding for a full fiscal year. And I think the questions he's asking don't really have anything to do with Amendment 1 to House Bill 4143."

Wheeler, K.: "Mr. Speaker, I... this is an Appropriations Bill, is that not correct?"

Speaker Lang: "Don't get me in the middle of your discussion."

Currie: "But not all questions are appropriate to all Appropriations Bills."

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Wheeler, K.: "Well, you should... she asked you to make me out of order, so I'm asking you."

Currie: "Not all questions are appropriate to all Appropriations Bills, even though Appropriations Bills are all... are all germane to one another."

Wheeler, K.: "Well, Leader... Leader Currie, I..."

Currie: "My point is this is not a 12-month budget. Your question about 12-month budget has nothing to do with the Amendment that is the subject of the current discussion."

Wheeler, K.: "Leader Currie, I respectfully disagree. This is an appropriation, and if an appropriation's made, it... according to the Constitution, the way I read it, we have to have an estimate for revenue of... of funds available. And I don't see that yet."

Currie: "Right."

Wheeler, K.: "I don't... do you believe..."

Currie: "And this does not exceed the revenues available. This is a one-month budget."

Wheeler, K.: "Please tell me what the revenues available are."

Currie: "What was that question?"

Wheeler, K.: "Please tell me what the revenues available are."

Currie: "The revenues available are certainly adequate to meet the requirements of this Amendment. There is, in the bank, \$602,700 in general revenue. Call the... call the Comptroller, if you think I'm wrong."

Wheeler, K.: "I am not going to dispute the fact that there's some money in the bank. My point still means that there is... appropriations shall not exceed funds estimated. What are the funds estimated to be for the... this fiscal year?"

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Currie: "I'm sorry. I missed what the question was. Was there a point to the question?"

Wheeler, K.: "The point of the question really is, when are we going to adopt a revenue estimate?"

Currie: "At the point at which we have a final budget for the fiscal year that began July 1, we will have a revenue estimate. The budget will reflect the revenue estimate, which is what we are required to do, and which is what we always do."

Wheeler, K.: "Leader Currie, we're spending money before we have that revenue estimate, and the way I understand the Constitution, that's not how we're supposed to be doing things. We have a state statute which we're not following..."

Currie: "That... that has to do with the full-year funding. This is a one-month funding."

Wheeler, K.: "What is the difference?"

Currie: "We have revenue to sustain the... the issues, the dollar amounts that are in Amendment 1 to House Bill 4143. I invite your 'aye' vote."

Wheeler, K.: "I appreciate your... and respect your point of view here; however, if you're going to give us a one-month budget, why don't you give us a one-month revenue estimate? To the Bill..."

Currie: "As I told you..."

Wheeler, K.: "...to the Amendment."

Currie: "...when we get to a final budget, we will have a revenue estimate. That will be the dollars that are encompassed by full funding for fiscal year 2016."

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Wheeler, K.: "Okay. To the Amendment. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are spending money in the order not dictated to us by not only the State Constitution but state statute. I take my responsibility seriously. I hope you all will do the same, and join me in... in the asking for a revenue estimate to be made, adopted, and the process followed as it was designed. I urge a... a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Mr. Speaker, at this point, it's getting a little frustrating, coming back down to Springfield, because I don't know what the Governor wants. I do not know what the Governor wants. I make the drive every day to represent my people back in Cook County to try to come up with a resolve to this impasse. Right now, we have up on the board a Bill that... or an Amendment that purports to protect the poor, protect children, protect new Americans and immigrants, and it also protects downstaters and farmers. We even heard from this panel, this last panel, about the wonderful work that they do. On this side of the aisle, and of course, Mr. Speaker, you know that I sit on a little private island over here that's kind of in between both sides of the aisle, but we heard a lot of folks on the Republican side of the aisle supporting county fairs. Why is there hesitancy to vote for this Bill? Why? And I don't want to call anyone out by name, but when I heard the eloquence of Floor Leader on this side of the aisle speaking, I know exactly what I'm going to see up on the board. This is ridiculous. Let's start moving forward. Let's get some resolve. This impasse needs to end. And at a bare minimum,

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the Governor needs to tell us exactly what he wants. Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Guzzardi."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Guzzardi: "Brief, brief question of the Sponsor. I... we may not have passed a Resolution about the revenue estimate, but would you say in your experience that we're likely to bring in more than \$602,000 of revenue this year?"

Currie: "Yes."

Guzzardi: "Would you say we would be in pretty desperate fiscal straits if we didn't raise more than \$600,000 in revenue this year?"

Currie: "Yes."

Guzzardi: "Okay. So you think it's fair to suggest that this Bill, or this Amendment, that we're looking at today falls well within the realm of what we might expect to bring in in revenue?"

Currie: "I'd say the money's in the bank."

Guzzardi: "Oh. I might agree with you, Leader. Briefly, to the Amendment. My... my colleague across by my fellow freshman has brought up this point about constitutionality. I hope that my colleagues across the aisle are having the same conversation with their Governor, about not spending money that we haven't brought in. Because the Governor signed a Bill that spends a whole lot of money that we haven't brought in. So I hope that, as vociferous as you all are with us about these issues here, when we're talking about \$600,000 of GRF, I hope you're equally vocal with your Governor about that education Bill

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that he signed that spends a whole lot of money, but doesn't accord with any sort of revenue estimate that we've already made. So I hope, in simply in the spirit of fairness, that that conversation is happening on the other side."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I urge your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? One more try. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 59 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 18 voting 'present. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Mr... Mr. Brady is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead, Sir."

Brady: "Earlier today, on House Bill 681, on Amendment 2, I intended to vote 'present'. I'd like the record to reflect that. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "And the record shall so reflect your intentions. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 625, offered by Representative Hammond. House Resolution 645, offered by Representative Sommer. House Resolution 646, offered by Representative Wehrli. House Resolution 647, offered by Representative Mayfield. House Resolution 648, offered by

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Representative Bellock. House Resolution 649, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 651, offered by Representative Bradley. House Resolution 652, offered by Representative Monique Davis. House Resolution 653, offered by Representative Daniel Burke. House Resolution 654, offered by Representative Meier. House Resolution 655, offered by Representative Hoffman. House Resolution 656, offered by Representative Leitch. And House Resolution 661, offered by Representative Morrison."

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. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk... before I do that, Mr. Sandack is recognized. Sorry, Sir."

Sandack: "Thank you. That was very gracious of you, Mr. Speaker. My inquiry is of... of the Chair, as to scheduling. Any idea where we're going to next meet... when we're going to next meet? And maybe, even beyond next week..."

Speaker Lang: "Well..."

Sandack: "...should you care to share?"

Speaker Lang: "...you would know about next week, if you had let me finish my paragraph. Beyond next week, I do not know."

Sandack: "Ah. Come on."

Speaker Lang: "And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, le... pursuant to House Joint Resolution 85, the House is adjourned until Tuesday, July 28 at the hour of 12 noon or until the call of the Speaker. And it'll be a one-day Session, at least that's the plan, Sir. The House is adjourned."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #41, offered by Representative Leader Durkin.

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 2.5 to Article IV and amend Section 2 of Article V of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS. A person may not be elected to the office of State Senator or State Representative, or a combination of those offices, for terms totalling more than 10 years. Service before the second Wednesday in January of 2017 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.

ARTICLE V

THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 2. TERMS

These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall hold office for four years beginning on the second Monday of January after their election and, except in the case of the Lieutenant Governor, until their successors are qualified. They shall be elected at the general election in 1978 and every four years thereafter. A person may not be elected to

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any Executive Branch office, or any combination of Executive Branch offices, for terms totalling more than 8 years. Service before the second Monday in January of 2017 shall not be considered in the calculation of a person's service.

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 full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #41."

Clerk Bolin: "First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #42, offered by Representative Durkin.

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 3 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

(a) The Independent Redistricting Commission comprising 11 Commissioners shall adopt and file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan for Legislative Districts and Representative Districts by June 30 of the year following each Federal decennial census. Legislative Districts shall be contiguous and substantially equal in population. Representative Districts shall be contiguous and

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substantially equal in population. The redistricting plan shall comply with Federal law. Subject to the foregoing, the Commission shall apply the following criteria: (1) the redistricting plan shall not dilute or diminish the ability of a racial or language minority community to elect the candidates of its choice, including when voting in concert with other persons; (2) the redistricting plan shall respect the geographic integrity of units of local government; and (3) the redistricting plan shall respect the geographic integrity of communities sharing common social and economic interests, which do not include relationships with political parties or candidates for office. The redistricting plan shall not either intentionally or unduly discriminate against or intentionally or unduly favor any political party, political group, or particular person. In designing the redistricting plan, the Commission shall consider party registration and voting history data only to assess compliance with the requirements in this subsection (a).

(b) For the purpose of conducting the Commissioner selection process, an Applicant Review Panel comprising three Reviewers shall be chosen in the manner set forth in this subsection (b). Beginning not later than January 1 and ending not later than March 1 of the year in which the Federal decennial census occurs, the Auditor General shall request and accept applications to serve as a Reviewer. The Auditor General shall review all applications and select a pool of 30 potential Reviewers. The Auditor General should select applicants for the pool of potential Reviewers who would operate in an ethical and non-partisan manner by considering whether each

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applicant is a resident and registered voter of the State and has been for the four years preceding his or her application, has demonstrated understanding of and adherence to standards of ethical conduct, and has been unaffiliated with any political party for the three years preceding appointment. By March 31 of the year in which the Federal decennial census occurs, the Auditor General shall publicly select by random draw the Panel of three Reviewers from the pool of potential Reviewers.

(c) Beginning not later than January 1 and ending not later than March 1 of the year in which the Federal decennial census occurs, the Auditor General shall request and accept applications to serve as a Commissioner on the Independent Redistricting Commission. By May 31, the Panel shall select a pool of 100 potential Commissioners. The Panel should select applicants for the pool of potential Commissioners who would be diverse and unaffected by conflicts of interest by considering whether each applicant is a resident and registered voter of the State and has been for the four years preceding his or her application, as well as each applicant's prior political experience, relevant analytical skills, ability to contribute to a fair redistricting process, and ability to represent the demographic and geographic diversity of the State. The Panel shall act by affirmative vote of two Reviewers. All records of the Panel, including applications to serve on the Panel, shall be open for public inspection, except private information about applicants for which there is no compelling public interest in disclosure.

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(d) Within 45 days after the Panel has selected the pool of 100 potential Commissioners, but not later than June 23 of the year in which the Federal decennial census occurs, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the President and Minority Leader of the Senate each may remove up to five of those potential Commissioners. Thereafter, but not later than June 30, the Panel shall publicly select seven Commissioners by random draw from the remaining pool of potential Commissioners; of those seven Commissioners, including any replacements, (1) the seven Commissioners shall reside among the Judicial Districts in the same proportion as the number of Judges elected therefrom under Section 3 of Article VI of this Constitution, (2) two Commissioners shall be affiliated with the political party whose candidate for Governor received the most votes cast in the last general election for Governor, two Commissioners shall be affiliated with the political party whose candidate for Governor received the second-most votes cast in such election and the remaining three Commissioners shall not be affiliated with either such political party, and (3) no more than two Commissioners may be affiliated with the same political party. The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the President and Minority Leader of the Senate each shall appoint one Commissioner from among the remaining applicants in the pool of potential Commissioners on the basis of the appointee's contribution to the demographic and geographic diversity of the Commission. A vacancy on the Panel or Commission shall be filled within five days by a potential Reviewer or potential Commissioner

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from among the applicants remaining in the pool of potential Reviewers or potential Commissioners, respectively, in the manner in which the office was previously filled.

(e) The Commission shall act in public meetings by affirmative vote of six Commissioners, except that approval of any redistricting plan shall require the affirmative vote of at least (1) seven Commissioners total, (2) two Commissioners from each political party whose candidate for Governor received the most and second-most votes cast in the last general election for Governor, and (3) two Commissioners not affiliated with either such political party. The Commission shall elect its chairperson and vice chairperson, who shall not be affiliated with the same political party. Six Commissioners shall constitute a quorum. All meetings of the Commission attended by a quorum, except for meetings qualified under attorney-client privilege, shall be open to the public and publicly noticed at least two days prior to the meeting. All records of the Commission, including communications between Commissioners regarding the Commission's work, shall be open for public inspection, except for records qualified under attorney-client privilege. The Commission shall adopt rules governing its procedure, public hearings, and the implementation of matters under this Section. The Commission shall hold public hearings throughout the State both before and after releasing the initial proposed redistricting plan. The Commission may not adopt a final redistricting plan unless the plan to be adopted without further amendment, and a report explaining its compliance

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with this Constitution, have been publicly noticed at least seven days before the final vote on such plan.

(f) If the Commission fails to adopt and file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan by June 30 of the year following a Federal decennial census, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the most senior Judge of the Supreme Court who is not affiliated with the same political party as the Chief Justice shall appoint jointly by July 31 a Special Commissioner for Redistricting. The Special Commissioner shall adopt and file with the Secretary of State by August 31 a redistricting plan satisfying the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this Section and a report explaining its compliance with this Constitution. The Special Commissioner shall hold at least one public hearing in the State before releasing his or her initial proposed redistricting plan and at least one public hearing in a different location in the State after releasing his or her initial proposed redistricting plan, and before filing the final redistricting plan with the Secretary of State. All records of the Special Commissioner shall be open for public inspection, except for records qualified under attorney-client privilege.

(g) An adopted redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State.

(h) The Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction in cases relating to matters under this Section.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect beginning with redistricting in 2021 and applies to the election of members

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of the General Assembly in 2022 and thereafter. This has been the First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution (sic- Constitutional Amendment) 42, offered by Representative Durkin."

Clerk Hollman: "First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #43, 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 amend Section 2 of Article VIII of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE

SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

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

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estimated to be available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget.

(b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State. Appropriations for a fiscal year (sic-shall) not to exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year.

(c) If appropriation Acts are not in effect on July 1 of a fiscal year that provide for the expenditure of funds estimated to be available for that fiscal year as shown in the budget, the Comptroller shall order payments and the Treasurer shall make disbursements to the extent revenues are available to make those disbursements. Disbursements made under this subsection (c) in a calendar month for a particular purpose may not exceed one-twelfth of the amount disbursed for that purpose in the preceding fiscal year. The authority granted under this subsection (c) expires when appropriation Acts that provide for the expenditure of funds estimated to be available for that fiscal year as shown in the budget for the fiscal year take effect. This subsection (c) does not apply to amounts that are appropriated on a continuing basis.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. The foregoing... this was the First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #43. Introduction of House Bills. House Bill 4254, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4255, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation.

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First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 30, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, and House Resolution 650, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."