

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The citizens of Illinois are facing increased  
3 energy costs; and

4 WHEREAS, The cost of gas has widespread ramifications  
5 upon the economic performance of the State of Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The cost of gas affects numerous citizens  
7 throughout Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, The billing practices of utilities selling gas  
9 may have an exacerbated effect on the monthly budgets of  
10 citizens by inaccurately estimating usage by customers and by  
11 being based upon inaccurate metering devices; and

12 WHEREAS, Citizens of this State should not be financially  
13 or otherwise penalized because of inaccurate billing  
14 practices; and

15 WHEREAS, The combined effect of increased prices and  
16 inaccurate billing can result in adverse economic effects in  
17 communities throughout the State; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we urge the Illinois Commerce Commission to conduct hearings  
21 into the billing practices of public utilities providing gas  
22 service to consumers in Illinois; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Commerce Commission obtain  
24 testimony regarding the practices of public utilities  
25 providing gas service regarding meter reading including, but  
26 not limited to, procedures employed to maintain the accuracy  
27 of meters and the guidelines that govern the practice of  
28 using estimates in issuing utility bills; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That Illinois Commerce Commission report its  
30 findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by

1 October 1, 2001; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
3 the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission.