

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are concerned over labor disputes occurring
4 within the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, There is a contract dispute between the 1,050
6 members of Gas Workers Local 18007, SEIU, and Peoples Energy
7 of Chicago; and

8 WHEREAS, This dispute puts the safety of Chicago gas
9 customers and their communities at risk; Peoples Energy of
10 Chicago is using inexperienced replacement workers to do
11 safety-sensitive work; and

12 WHEREAS, Peoples Energy of Chicago made \$99 million in
13 profit in the first six months of their fiscal year, in the
14 period ending March 31; the company's earnings were up 15%
15 between the first half of 2001 and the first half of 2000;
16 and the company is forecasting that this fiscal year, ending
17 on September 30, it will have an increase of 25% per share in
18 earnings; and

19 WHEREAS, Peoples Energy of Chicago has recorded these
20 profits because of the work of over 1,000 individuals from
21 every neighborhood in Chicago; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 the Illinois General Assembly urges Peoples Energy of Chicago
25 to return to the bargaining table and negotiate a contract
26 that is equitable to both the workers and the company; and be
27 it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to the representatives of Gas Workers Local 18007,
30 SEIU, and the President of Peoples Energy of Chicago.