

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 687

2 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the State of Illinois to
3 ensure that its vendors and contractors refrain from using
4 State funds to the detriment of the public interest; and

5 WHEREAS, OnLine Interpreters, Inc. (formerly Midwest
6 Translations) holds a contract with the State of Illinois to
7 provide telephone translation services to various State
8 agencies; and

9 WHEREAS, OnLine Interpreters' employees have faced unfair
10 treatment from their employer such as fines, video
11 surveillance, lack of training, and dishonored paychecks and,
12 as a consequence, they seek influence in the policies of
13 their employer; and

14 WHEREAS, A majority of OnLine Interpreters' employees
15 support the formation of a union; and

16 WHEREAS, OnLine Interpreters has demonstrated its
17 willingness to illegally thwart its employees' attempts to
18 organize a union; after the employees' failed attempt to
19 organize a union in the Fall of 2000, the National Labor
20 Relations Board found that OnLine Interpreters violated labor
21 law by interrogating workers and by firing union supporters;
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we support the rights of workers to lawfully organize a
26 union; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That we urge OnLine Interpreters to adopt a
28 clear policy of non-interference if its employees attempt to
29 form a union and, furthermore, we urge OnLine Interpreters to
30 recognize any union based upon the support of a majority of
31 its employees as demonstrated by union authorization cards

1 signed by a majority of its employees; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Department of Central Management
3 Services will review its contracts with OnLine Interpreters
4 for compliance with this resolution before renewing any
5 contracts with OnLine Interpreters; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be presented to
7 the Director of Central Management Services and to Mr. David
8 Jenkins, owner of OnLine Interpreters, Inc.