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Speaker Buckner: "The House will be in order. 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 all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through your authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgement is decreed. Assist with your sprit of counsel and fortitude the Speaker of this House and all of it's elected officials. May they always seek the way of righteousness, justice, and mercy. Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our state with honesty and integrity. These things we ask, Amen."

Speaker Buckner: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative La Ha."

La Ha - 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 Buckner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Gabel is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Gabel: "Thank you, Speaker. Let that record show the Representatives Burke, Croke, Delgado, Evans, Flowers, Guerrero-Cuellar, Mah, Stava-Murray, Ann Williams, and Andrade are excused today."

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Speaker Buckner: "Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Keicher: "Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Hauter, Elik, and Ozinga are excused for today."

Speaker Buckner: "Have all..."

Keicher: "Please add Representative Niemerg to the list of excused absences."

Speaker Buckner: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being a 101 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Representative Halbbrook, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Buckner: "Please proceed."

Halbrook: "Yeah. So, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is a great, unique opportunity that I get to share with you. We have got a great group, a young group of young women and men from Taylorville, Illinois, just about 30 miles southeast of here. This group came back from the National FFA Convention with extremely high honors, to the extent that they received the Premier National... I'm sorry, I'm going to start over. Received the Premier National Chapter - Strengthening Agricultural Award, number one in the nation. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm going to introduce them. And if they will just wave to us as I go through the list, and I got a few comments about each one. I'm sad to say that Sue Schafer, the advisor-teacher, is not able to be with us today. But Matt Hutchison,

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which is the Taylorville High School principal, Matt is here with us. Also, we have Drew Mickey, which is a co-president; Abby Norris, co-president; Chloe Grant; Tucker Winans; Stephen Franklin; Audrey Curtin, Liam Steward; Jake Whetsell; Waylon Paulek; Abby Erlenbush; Jay Bliler. I'm... there's four of these folks or five that has received some national awards also. Jay Bliler is the National Proficiency Award winner in Ag Research. Drew Mickey and Jay Bliler received the second in National FFA Agriscience Fair Animal Systems. Abby Norris and Abby Erlenbush received fourth in the National FFA Agriscience Fair Social Systems. And Tanner Mickey is the Star Farmer over America Final. He's not able to be here with us today. Mr. Speaker, there's a Resolution, HR554, I don't know if we can pull that up. We won't probably be able to adopt that Resolution today, but HR554 is a Resolution that will honor and recognize this group. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, let's give this fine group of young men and women a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Buckner: "Thank you, Representative Halbrook. And welcome to your Capitol. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 553, offered by Representative Haas."

Speaker Buckner: "Representative Weber, for what reason do you rise?"

Weber: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Buckner: "Please proceed."

Weber: "I stand before you today to address a matter of great concern to many hardworking individuals and families across our state here in Illinois. It's a concern across all of our

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districts and that is the matter of skyrocketing property taxes. Hardworking men and women across Illinois have worked hard to provide a home for their families. The thing most of us never expect was the burden and weight of these ever-increasing property taxes in all of our districts. The relentless rise in property taxes has put an immense strain on the financial well-being of countless individuals and families in each of our districts. For many the dream of homeownership has turned into a nightmare of unmanageable tax hikes, expenditures for individuals and families. This is not just a matter of inconvenience. It is a matter of financial stability in the very fabric of our communities. We cannot turn a blind eye to the fact that the ever-increasing property taxes are pushing hardworking families to the brink of forcing many to consider selling their homes to seek refuge in cheaper and sometimes questionable areas. This is... not only disrupts the lives of individual and families but also destabilizes our neighborhoods and our communities. Therefore, I urge my fellow policymakers to heed the call of the people of the State of Illinois, take action to freeze and limit the burden of property taxes that are placing on individuals and families in our state. It is imperative that we put an end to the relentless cycle of tax hikes that are squeezing the life out of our hardworking families. We must create a more stable and predictable tax environment that allows individuals and families to plan... plan for their financial future without the fear of losing their homes because they cannot afford property taxes. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Buckner: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "The Adjournment Resolution. House Joint Resolution #49, offered by Representative Gabel.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 06, 2024 or to the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 06, 2024, or to the call of the President."

Speaker Buckner: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the of Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 6, at the hour... all those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4467, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4468, offered by Representative Ann Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4469, offered by Representative

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Hirschauer, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 4470, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4471, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4472, offered by Representative Syed, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4473, offered by Representative Gill, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4474, offered by Representative Syed, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4475, offered by Representative LaPointe, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4476, offered by Representative Syed, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4477, offered by Representative Schmidt, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4478, offered by Representative Halbbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4479, offered by Representative Caulkins, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4480, offered by Representative Caulkins, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4481, offered by Representative Jacobs, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4482, offered by Representative Jacobs, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4483, offered by Representative Caulkins, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4484, offered by Representative Nichols, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4485, offered by Representative Tarver, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4486, offered by Representative Costa Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4487, offered by Representative Huynh,

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a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4488, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4489, offered by Representative Ness, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4490, offered by Representative Reick, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 4491, offered by Representative Faver Dias, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4492, offered by Representative Severin, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4493, offered by Representative Weaver, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4494, offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction of House Joint Resolution 48, offered by Representative Benton. This is referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #17, offered by Representative Schmidt.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD 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 Article IV of the Illinois Constitution by adding Section 2.5 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 for terms totaling more than 10 years in

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each house or a combined total of 20 years in both houses. Service prior to the date of the adoption of this Amendment shall be considered in the calculation of a person's service. Any person in office at the time of the adoption of this amendment who exceeds the specified term limitation shall be allowed to complete his or her current term of office.

SCHEDULE

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 Constitution Amendment #17. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."