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Speaker Lyons: "Good afternoon, Illinois. The House of Representatives will come to order. Members are asked to please be at their desks. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Shaun Lewis, who is the Illinois State Director of the Capitol Commission serving the political leaders of our State of Illinois. Members and guests are asked to please refrain from starting their laptops and all are asked to turn off cell phones and pagers and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Shaun Lewis."

Pastor Lewis: "If you'd bow with me in prayer. Father in heaven, each Member of the House represents the interests of over 100 thousand constituents. They have much to consider and their decisions will be felt well beyond the length of their lives. Today is no exception as our Legislators will continue to navigate our state during a historic, financial crisis. There's no silver bullet solutions and pain is inevitable. I pray You give wisdom to each one here, give them the courage to stand on conviction in the midst of controversy. May they show themselves to be statesmen and not politicians. Father, many here today are weary. They are exhausted physically, tired mentally, spent emotionally, and their constituents do not always show them the proper honor. They're often greeted with threats and insults. I think of how disheartening and crit... and difficult the criticism and the misrepresentations can become. I pray You to uphold these men and women, watch over their families, use these trials to turn their eyes to You. You are a sovereign God, Lord,

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and we are but dust, be gracious as much is considered in this chamber today, please give wisdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Pat Verschoore, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please."

Verschoore - 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 Lyons: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, Democrats."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Durkin and Joyce are excused today."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Currie, you want to..."

Currie: "I'm... I'm sorry. I meant Dunkin."

Speaker Lyons: "I'm sure the Republicans appreciate your good intentions. Michael, what's the status of the GOP? Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Hatcher and Osmond are excused on our side of the aisle today."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk, take the record. 112 Members are present, we have a quorum. We're prepared to do the State of Illinois's business. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II-Criminal Law reports the following committee action taken on February 18, 2010: do pass Short Debate House Bill 4647, House Bill

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4807, House Bill 4895, House Bill 5019 and House Bill 5093. Representative Moffitt, Chairperson from the Committee on Fire Protection reports the following committee action taken on February 18, 2010: do pass Short Debate is House Bill is 4710. Representative McAuliffe, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on February 18, 2010: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 89. Representative Verschoore, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on February 18, 2010: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4758. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 927, House Resolution 933, House Resolution 934 and House Resolution 936."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Froehlich, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Froehlich: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed."

Froehlich: "There's a birthday today. My former seatmate, who's one of the true Gentlemen in the General Assembly, has a birthday. I ask everyone to join me in congratulating Don Moffitt for this birthday today."

Speaker Lyons: "Happy birthday, Don. Many... Have a healthy, happy year. Okay. On page 5 of the Calendar, Ladies and Gentlemen, under Third Readings, we have House Bill 4623. Representative Jakobsson. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4623, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Champaign, Representative Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4623 creates the Prairie State license plate. It's a fee of \$25 with the... would be deposited in the Secretary of State's special license plate to defray the cost of the administrative processing."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 4623 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative May, McCarthy, Mulligan, want it to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this issue, there's 101 Members voting 'yes', 11 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 5 of the Calendar, Representative Dan Reitz has House Bill 4649. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4649, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reitz. Out of the record."

Reitz: "Yeah. Out of the record."

Speaker Lyons: "Out of the record. Representative Mautino on page 5 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Third Reading, you have House Bill 4782, Frank. 4782. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4782, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Frank Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. 4782 amends the Insurance Code and exempts the mandatory young adult dependent coverage from being required in supplemental insurance policies. These are basically the travel policies, the cancer only policies that are not designed for anything other than the person who is purchasing them. The department submitted the language as well for it, for the Department of Insurance. I know of no opposition. You passed a Bill identical to this last year which dealt with the long... the disability income policies and long-term care. Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should House Bill 4782 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Bob Pritchard, you have House Bill 4815. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4815, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from DeKalb, Representative Bob Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is brought to us by the Fire Service Coalition that would change the Fire Protection District Act to allow a seven-member board, by referendum, to lower that number to either five or three members. This is an initiative that in many rural areas it's difficult to find enough members to serve on that board. So, this would give a local board flexibility. I would ask for your support."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Eddie Washington."

Washington: "Representative Pritchard, is this just for a particular area or is this statewide?"

Pritchard: "This is statewide."

Washington: "And has it been a consensus statewide with the association that they totally agree, all of them agree with that?"

Pritchard: "Yes. This is an initiative of the Fire Service Coalition."

Washington: "I'm sorry. I didn't hear you."

Pritchard: "This is a consensus Bill, yes, of all the fire service members."

Washington: "Across the entire state to reduce? Now, 'cause I... I would imagine that every place might not have a problem with having seven..."

Pritchard: "So... so, they..."

Washington: "...unless you said, I think..."

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Pritchard: "This gives by referendum an option to a local district to lower their number. We passed legislation last year, I believe, that allowed a district to increase its number."

Washington: "Representative, hold on. Mr. Speaker, I can't hardly hear him."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a discussion going on regarding a Bill and as usual, first thing in the morning, we tend to be quite loud. Can we please bring the noise level down so they can have a discussion? Shhh. Thank you very much. Representative Pritchard, do you want to respond to Representative Washington."

Pritchard: "Would you please repeat your question."

Washington: "Yes. Representative, I was saying I would imagine that it's not difficult in every area if they have seven members or more. And I think you said that the reason for this is because there was difficulty in rural areas, but yet you also said it's a state consensus wide that this is acceptable. So, I was asking the question, if it's a... if it's... if this is acceptable across the board, then what is... why is this coming about? And just because it's in a particular area that it was needed or what?"

Pritchard: "So, let me go back and try to restate, since we were having difficulty communicating. This is an initiative of the Fire Service which means all of the members whether you're talking firefighters, trustees, chiefs association, are all in support of this. It gives a local district the option by referendum of diminishing the size of their board to either a five- or a three-member

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board at their discretion primarily because they have difficulty finding enough people who are willing to serve. This would be a statewide initiative at the option of the local district."

Washington: "So, existing boards that have seven members, if that is not a problem, it remains the same."

Pritchard: "Correct."

Washington: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Knox, Representative Don Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I think that there at the end I was just covered. This is strictly local control. It empowers the local voters and if they're satisfied and able to get the number of trustees they want, no problem whatsoever. And as Representative Pritchard said, this is unanimous agreement within the Fire Service. So, just... it's accommodating specific situations, varies with different parts of the state. So, it's something they've asked for; an excellent Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Pritchard to close."

Pritchard: "I would ask for your support."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 4815 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Renée

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Kosel, on page 5 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 4627. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will be proceeding on House Bill-Third Readings starting on the top of page 6 of the Calendar. Representative Jack Franks, you have House Bill 4854. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4854, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Jack Franks."

Franks: "Mr. Speaker, I believe that we need to adopt House Floor Amendment #2. This was in response to the discussion we had on the House Floor a few days ago when Representative Durkin had wanted... that the requirement... that this be evaluated by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulations, which we've done with that House Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Franks, it's my understanding from the Clerk that we'll have to move that Bill back to the Order of Second Reading and then put the Amendment... through the Amendment where it gets in Rules. Mr. Clerk, move that Bill, on the request of the Sponsor, back to the Order of Second Reading. Representative Roger Eddy, you have House Bill 4879. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4879, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Roger Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4879 attempts to allow school districts that currently send two buses to the

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same address to pick up students in early childhood and regular education to use one bus; therefore, saving district resources. It's something that we passed before and hopefully, this year will make it through the Senate and allow some relief to school districts at the local level. I'd appreciate your support. Ask for an 'aye' vote. And be ready to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Chapin Rose."

Rose: "Thank you. Will the Representative yield, just briefly?"

Speaker Lyons: "Pardon me, Chapin? Ladies and Gentlemen, again, if we can bring the noise level down somewhat so we can hear the discussion, we'd appreciate it. Representative Rose."

Rose: "Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Gentleman yields."

Rose: "Thank you. Hello, Representative, behind you and to your left."

Eddy: "I see you."

Rose: "This is the situation where the bus is already going down the street anyway, correct?"

Eddy: "That's right."

Rose: "And it makes absolutely no sense not to pick up the kids who are already there because the taxpayers have already got the bus there to begin with, right?"

Eddy: "I... Absolutely."

Rose: "All right."

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Eddy: "And... and oftentimes, if you have a sibling a second bus goes out just because of the way the rules are written and this would..."

Rose: "This... this..."

Eddy: "...would allow districts to send one bus instead of two."

Rose: "This saves the taxpayers money, makes eminent good sense and I appreciate your effort on this. As you know, you've had this Bill for a couple years, I've had a similar Bill for a couple of years and I just ask if you'd put me on as your cosponsor."

Eddy: "Absolutely."

Rose: "Thank you."

Eddy: "Happy to."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I was trying to ask Mr. Eddy a question, but you asked us to be quiet so I came back to my seat. So, now I have to ask him the question on the mike."

Speaker Lyons: "He's awaiting your..."

Black: "Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "...he's awaiting your questions, Mr. Black."

Black: "With bated breath, I might add. Representative, what I want to make sure of and you know this better than anybody on the House Floor, the state, I don't believe, has paid any fiscal 2010 transportation claims that I'm aware of. I know Danville, where Representative Mitchell was one of the more outstanding principals we've ever had in Danville and was a mentor to me when I was in the eighth grade. I... he

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was a wonderful principal. But anyway, this could not be construed as a mandate on districts to transport more students when they aren't getting paid for the ones they transport already, correct?"

Eddy: "No, not at all. This isn't a mandate. It just allows a commonsense approach to providing transportation that's already provided by allowing the district without affecting their transportation in a negative way to allow early childhood kids to get on the same bus..."

Black: "Okay."

Eddy: "...as the regular route."

Black: "Well, would it be... I'm not familiar, it's been a long time since my children were in early childhood and my grandchildren don't live in my hometown, unfortunately. Are you telling me there are instances where they wouldn't pick up or couldn't pick up someone who was in a early childhood program because of some bureaucrat or administrative rule?"

Eddy: "It's not that they can't, but because of the way the transportation reimbursement formula and rules are written in statute, if a noneligible rider, because they're a grant participant, were to be on that bus, it would reduce the regular transportation reimbursement."

Black: "Okay. Right."

Eddy: "So, rather than have their transportation reduced further that they're not receiving in a timely fashion, they send a separate bus..."

Black: "Okay."

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Eddy: "...and it ends up costing, I think, the state board said in the early childhood block grant around \$15 million is spent on transportation that could be otherwise used to educate. And as you know, with pending budget problems, they may not get all of their early childhood money any way and this could be really important relief."

Black: "Well, if you can't get them to the attendance center, they can't do much learning..."

Eddy: "Well, it's..."

Black: "...can't take advantage of what's there."

Eddy: "Especially for early childhood, the most at-risk kids. In a lot of cases, they're not going to be there..."

Black: "Okay. Fine."

Eddy: "...unless you pick them up."

Black: "Thank you very much for that clarification."

Speaker Lyons: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Eddy to close."

Eddy: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I just simply ask for your support."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 4879 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Gordon, Representative Feigenholtz, Representative Dugan. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Sid Mathias."

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Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Previously, today it was announced that my seatmate Don... Representative Don Moffitt had a... had a birthday. What was not said at the time that if his birthday would have been yesterday instead of today he would have shared a birthday with a brand new granddaughter which was... who was born four hours before his birthday. Her name is Kalen Marie Setterdahl. She was nine pounds, six inches, twenty-one and a half inches... I'm sorry. Nine pounds six inches... six inches... six ounces... I'll get it right... nine pounds, six ounces and twenty-one and a half inches long to his daughter Amanda, his... her first child and Representative Moffitt's second grandchild. So, I hope everyone here would congratulate him."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome, everybody to Don Moffitt day, new grandpa and a birthday. Congratulations, Don. Representative Mautino, you seek recognition for a point of personal privilege?"

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we're very honored to have with us today Specialist Mitch McCoy. He joins us in the gallery back here and Mitch has returned home from Afghanistan and he... where he was stationed in a base actually no larger than this room. He had contacted us when... when he got there, there were no colors, so we sent him a flag which meant a lot to the people of his... to his fellow soldiers. He brought the flag back and you guys can see that in my office when it comes in as a thank you to all of us. But from us, thank you, Mitch."

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Speaker Lyons: "God bless you, Mitch. be safe. On behalf of all Illinois, thank you for what you do for our country. Representative Danny Reitz, on page 6 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 4973. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4973, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Danny Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4973 is an initiative of a town in my area. It would allow municipalities and counties to charge fees for false alarms. We are... had a good discussion in committee. Had the fire chief and the police chief from Columbia, Illinois, that came up and testified, a good discussion with the committee. Currently, the Municipal League and the Retail Merchants are working on an Amendment that we hope to put on in the Senate and see this Bill back again. But I appreciate your indulgence in passing this over and allowing us to put this in statute. And I'd be hap... Representative Black's question."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion? The Chair... the Representative Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

Black: "Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, staff has mentioned to me that they thought there was an Amendment that would be added to this Bill before it moved on Third. Is... is... Did we misunderstand or..."

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Reitz: "No. I think I left... I'd spoken with the Municipal League and the Retail Merchants and they are reaching out to their various interests to make sure they... they do the Amendment in the proper way and have an agreement with them to allow us to do this in the Senate, to amend it in the Senate and have it come back here. That way they..."

Black: "So..."

Reitz: "...they don't know if they can get it done in the next couple weeks, actually."

Black: "All right. So, you're going to pass an imperfect Bill on to the Senate? That's not like you. You usually dot your i's and cross your t's before anything with your name on it leaves this chamber."

Reitz: "Is that right?"

Black: "So, you're entrusting the Senate to add this Amendment?"

Reitz: "I trust the Senate to do this."

Black: "All right."

Reitz: "And have a commitment from the Senate Sponsor that he won't move it until we agree with all the entities that are concerned."

Black: "Will the Amendment be considered in an open Session of the Senate or will it be a closed Session of the Senate?"

Reitz: "I would recommend that it be in an open Session."

Black: "I... I would certainly hope so. A question on a serious note. Evidently, Home Rule cities can already do this."

Reitz: "Correct."

Black: "Is that correct? All right. Because I know the alarm I have in my district office has tripped two or three times

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and I know the City of Danville is a Home Rule city and they already have this ordinance. So, this is permissive language for cities that currently do not have the authority to put a fee on a certain number of false alarms?"

Reitz: "That's correct. And I think it will help make it a little more lawful for some of the cities that are already has it on their ordinances..."

Black: "Okay."

Reitz: "...and can do this. There's nothing in state statute that allows them to do this."

Black: "Excuse me for answering... for asking your question. I haven't had a chance to read everything I should have on this. Is there a minimum number in the law or you're allowing the cities to set what the minimum number of false alarms will be before a penalty will be imposed?"

Reitz: "We're just allowing the cities the ability to draft their ordinance however they see fit."

Black: "All right. Okay."

Reitz: "But that is one of the concerns that the Retail Merchants talked about it and the Municipal League. They're reaching out to some of the Home Rule communities to get a consensus on what would be..."

Black: "All right."

Reitz: "...the best way to proceed with this."

Black: "So, it would be... and I don't want to put you on the spot, Representative... but it... it would be safe for us to mark our Bill file that you intend for this Bill to come back to the House amended and then you will move to concur

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with the Amendment if the Amendment is in order with what you have indicated."

Reitz: "That's correct."

Black: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Mike Bost. Representative Bost, you're up."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Bost: "I think it was asked earlier, but I just need to know. We already do this in many communities and... and even non... Home Rule communities can already do this. Is it not correct?"

Reitz: "Correct. But the... the city attorney from Columbia has told me that there's nothing in state statute... and the Municipal League has agreed... that there... they... they don't have the legal ability to reinforce those ordinances."

Bost: "Okay. The other question I have is, by this passing in any way, shape, or form, will it change the ability of those existing cities, 'cause they've already set some fees in place? I mean, would this be a standard fee or anything like that because..."

Reitz: "No. The intent's not... It's just to allow the cities to adopt their own ordinance, but..."

Bost: "Do what they've been doing all along, it just puts..."

Reitz: "Correct..."

Bost: "...it into state statute."

Reitz: "...to codify that."

Bost: "Okay. All right. Thanks."

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Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Ed Washington."

Washington: "Representative, how often does this happen? And what's at the root of this particular legislation? And how many calls does this actually happen of false alarms?"

Reitz: "I can tell... In 2005, on our analysis, and we got those figures from the city, that they had 300... 314 false... alarm call outs and 306 were false. So, what they're trying to do is get the people to set some kind of fine, at the end of the day, fine or fee in place, that will urge them and encourage them to fix their alarm systems, so that we don't have response... and I think the biggest concern that I have is that we have policemen, more so policemen maybe going into a situation where there's a repeated false alarms and really walking into a real situation where they're in danger."

Washington: "But Representative, out of how many calls?"

Reitz: "There were 304... in Columbia in 2005, there were 314 alarm call outs, 306 were false and in... there were 76 residential security alarm call outs and 72 were false. Now, they're not... I don't think this will be residential and most of those are one-time events."

Washington: "Well, my... my interest in this is that, you know, even with the numbers you give me, you're saying 2005. You don't have anything more recent than that? This is 2010."

Reitz: "Yep, I do. I have more... I have more recent; I don't have it on me. I... on the other floor."

Washington: "But that... but..."

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Reitz: "Historically, it has been the same. And all this is doing is allowing the city the ability to impose these fees or fines to make sure that they can respond to that. And their intent is to do it on the third, you know, probably the third offense is what they currently have in ordinance to allow them, if they've had repeated offenders, to have some way to urge them to fix their systems."

Washington: "So, basically, this is revenue driven. Because, I mean, you think about it... I mean, most people that have false alarms, generally it's an accident, an incident, at best. Nobody just perpetuates false alarm calls for the sake that they can do it and especially if they know they're going to get fined for it. So, this is revenue driven."

Reitz: "In some... and that's the problem we have in... in this community and other communities is, one, they have volunteer fire departments, so someone has to come across and there's a... there's a... always a response cost that is associated with these false alarms. But the biggest problem they have is taking them away from other duties that they could do."

Washington: "So... but you're telling me from stats from 2005 that you've given in 2010, 306 calls were false alarm calls and 306 calls were actually responded to?"

Reitz: "Three hundred and fourteen were responded to and 306 were false."

Washington: "Were false?"

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Reitz: "Yeah. And the ones that are once or twice, they're not too concerned about them. It's the ones that, you know, some of those are 30 and 40 times."

Washington: "Representative, I'm sorry. I'm not doing the math. Is that... are you saying out of a total of 620 calls 306 were false and 314 were responded to?"

Reitz: "No."

Washington: "I'm not understanding this."

Reitz: "The numbers and again, we'll get you all the numbers that Columbia gave us, if you'd like and I'll get those to you later..."

Washington: "But 2005 wouldn't be anything invalid by..."

Reitz: "In 2005, of those numbers, 314 were responses and 306 were false. So, you know, there were only, you know..."

Washington: "But it was 306 false..."

Reitz: "False."

Washington: "...calls."

Reitz: "Right."

Washington: "And 314 that were not false."

Reitz: "No, 314 total. There were..."

Washington: "Total."

Reitz: "Okay. So, there's 306 that were false and there were..."

Washington: "So, only 306 incidents were falsities."

Reitz: "...there were eight..."

Washington: "I've got it."

Reitz: "...eight were real events."

Washington: "I've got you, yes. And where do you live at, again?"

Reitz: "What? South of where you used to live."

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Washington: "Man, that's a lot of calls. Look, Representative, you got on here, provides that a fee may not be imposed against a person if the call was initiated due to symptoms.. symptoms."

Reitz: "Right."

Washington: "Can you explain what symptoms are you referring to that could require emergency medical attention? And then you have defined alarm and false alarm, yet, up on the board, it says fee for false alarm. And what would the fee be and how do they come at the fee?"

Reitz: "Well, they... they're going to set the fee. Each individual community will set the fee, based on what they think is fair."

Washington: "So, basically, you want us to vote for something that a fee has not been established and they can... I mean, it and I'm looking at it. This applies statewide, right?"

Reitz: "Correct."

Washington: "Representative..."

Reitz: "Home Rule communities can already do this. All we're going is allowing non-Home Rule communities to set a fee so that they can be reimbursed if someone repeatedly has false alarms and doesn't rectify the situation."

Washington: "But Representative, for the... for the intelligence of the discussion and I understand revenue driven Bill, but I also understand consumers and business people have to pay that price. I mean, surely... surely, I would hope that you would have a number before asking us just to give us a cart before putting a horse onto the cart. I mean, where are we trying to go here?"

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Reitz: "It... it allows the locals to set the fee, to do their job as city council members and mayors. I don't think we wi... I don't think we want to do it statewide, 'cause if we do that, then we have to do all the Home Rule communities and I don't think we should set the fee. I think we should... All this does is allow the local authorities and in a lot of cases, they're already doing this. It's just that they don't have the... the state statute ability to legally do that."

Washington: "But Representative, we're discussing it statewide. See, this is the contradiction at least... at least I'm hearing in what you just said. We don't want to impose, but yet, I don't want to give municipalities open checks. We... we got controversy concerning the... the lights or the camera that takes pictures of people that are... that are barely stopping and we know it's revenue driven. And I got a Bill that's going to come up and I have... I made that municipality give me a price, so it could be intelligently discussed here at this level. So, surely, to just give them a blank check and say they'd set the fee, that should be some continuity, I feel, in an economic time that's the worst ever, there should be some consistency especially if you're talking about a statewide Bill like this one that's going to just open it up for everybody, there should be a continuity of a pricing structure that should be in this discussion, I feel."

Reitz: "I... I think that's the elected officials in the city, who first, they have the ability to decide whether or not they want to do this. Then they have the ability to set

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what they think, how many... you know, how many times before the fee, or fine goes in and you know, it's their job and I really think this is just allowing them to do their job to take care of a concern that they have. A lot of municipalities won't even do this."

Washington: "Representative, would you be willing to pull this out of the record for further discussion and let those municipalities or whoever initiated this at least give you something for us to look at in terms of a continuity of pricing and not just give a blanket check when the people voted you and I in this office have to pay that cost and those small businesses?"

Reitz: "They..."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Washington, your time has expired. We'll give you another minute, so please conclude your remarks."

Washington: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, based on my questioning of the Sponsor..."

Reitz: "Yeah."

Washington: "...I don't think this is a very well crafted Bill. I think in an economic situation anybody that comes with something should at least come with a number for us to consider, but just to give a blank check because of revenue driven and balanced budget, I don't think that's the way to go. So, I will be asking a 'no' vote on this legislation."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Chapin Rose."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

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Rose: "Representative, I appreciate what you're doing. I intend to support your Bill. Let me just throw one hypothetical at you 'cause it's actually happened me twice. There's something very appealing about a fire alarm to a four-year-old."

Reitz: "Okay."

Rose: "And both of my kids, at that age, have pulled fire alarms in two different states. And my only concern to you is I don't know that it's necessarily fair to be charging parents with an unlimited fine potentially, for you know, what in the sense of the act of not just a minor but a toddler. And 'cause is there any protection you can put in here on that front?"

Reitz: "I think that's what we're working with with Retail Merchants and we're trying to get all of the input. I just don't think we can do it in the time line of the House. That's what our plan is to pass it over and have an Amendment that makes this a much better Bill and brings all of the entities in so we can get their input. But that's definitely not the intent of this is to have children that do it, you know, they don't plan on doing this for any schools or anything like that where it's pranks."

Rose: "And Representative, and you're... you're a man of your word, I know that. So, if you tell me you'll get this... you'll address that, I'm more than happy to support this today so..."

Reitz: "I appreciate it. And it will and it will definitely come back. I mean, we're..."

Rose: "Very good."

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Reitz: "This is not a finished product and they... we're just trying to give them more time to do it right."

Rose: "I appreciate that, Representative. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Monique Davis."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Davis, M.: "I see one Section here that says if a person thinks there may be a medical emergency and there actually is not a medical emergency, the person who initiates this call could be fined."

Reitz: "Yeah. And I think the intent is to not count those as a false alarm. If it is... if someone has a... some type of medical emergency response, the necklace or whatever they have or bracelet, that responds because there's a medical emergency, that's not considered a false alarm. And also, if... if there is a problem with a false alarm of any type and... and they call the fire department or the police department and just say it's a false alarm, then there's provisions in there to make sure that that doesn't count. As I said earlier, they're not... you know, this Bill and the towns are definitely not going after anyone that has an inadvertent problem or has a problem once or twice a year."

Davis, M.: "Okay. Let me..."

Reitz: "It' people that are having false alarms repeatedly."

Davis, M.: "...let me just share with you what this really says. It says a fee may not be imposed against a person if the

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call and the call that was initiated due to symptoms that could require emergency medical attention."

Reitz: "Right."

Davis, M.: "There are many people including myself may not be aware of the situation that would require a serious medical attention. I mean, the person might be lying in the street and I thought the person was having a heart attack or an asthma attack when actually the person was inebriated. So, the question becomes, am I then charged for that call? I would be the person who initiated that call."

Reitz: "No."

Davis, M.: "That was... according to your Bill I would be."

Reitz: "No."

Davis, M.: "According to... according to your Bill, it says I should know whether that call will... will result in emergency medical attention. I would have no knowledge of whether it would result in medical attention. Now, let me just go on, Representative. Sometimes in the City of Chicago there are a number of burglary attempts. There're attempts to get into your office, there're attempts to get into your home, but because you have a burglary alarm system the attempt fails."

Reitz: "Right."

Davis, M.: "Now, according to your Bill, this person would be subject to a fine because when the police arrive there's no one there."

Reitz: "You know, that's... but that's not correct. I mean, well, for starters, in Chicago, they already do this. I

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mean, they... they already have the ability to do it. This is for non-Home Rule communities, but if..."

Davis, M.: "I know they already have this..."

Reitz: "...if someone has broke... then..."

Davis, M.: "...'cause they tried it on me."

Reitz: "All right. But if someone..."

Davis, M.: "They tried it."

Reitz: "...has been broken into..."

Davis, M.: "Someone attempted to get into my office..."

Reitz: "Yeah."

Davis, M.: "...several times. Their attempt failed because an alarm went off."

Reitz: "That would not be a false alarm."

Davis, M.: "Not to you."

Reitz: "Not to the police department."

Davis, M.: "But to them it was a false alarm."

Reitz: "That... Now, that's... Okay."

Davis, M.: "But to... What proof... Listen to me very carefully, please. What proof would a resident or business owner have that this alarm went off because someone tried to get in here? Now, what is the proof he's supposed to have?"

Reitz: "Well, there would be... there should be some kind of proof that someone tripped the alarm in some form or fashion, but if not that's..."

Davis, M.: "How is there proof if the person hears the alarm and make haste and get away from there?"

Reitz: "That's not what this Bill's going after. This Bill is going after someone that forgets to turn off the alarm. Someone that comes in and just doesn't turn the alarm off

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for whatever reason, goes into the building, and doesn't call the police or the fire department and say, don't respond..."

Davis, M.: "To... to the Bill."

Reitz: "...it's a false alarm."

Davis, M.: "What about... what about a major... a major storm that comes through Chicago and you know, it's unusual and it topples... it topples the things for your television and it topples anything on your roof and it spins it around and you know, is that... is that a false alarm? To the Bill. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I know that this Representative has the best intentions of... in the..."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Davis, your time expired. We'll give you a minute to conclude your remarks."

Davis, M.: "My remarks are... this is not a good time to ask taxpayers once again to pay for something that they had no intentions of causing harm. Their intention is to protect their business, protect their property and they should not have to pay a fee for that beyond the alarm system's fee."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reitz to close."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the debate, but I think a lot of the... we... This Bill won't solve problems that other communities already have that have imposed fees like this. This allows for communities... and it's just simply permissive... allows for communities to have a way to respond to repeated false alarms. And I think at the end, this will save taxpayers money. It'll keep them from having to pay the fire department response time and it costs money to roll the trucks out. It will keep the

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police department from walking into a situation where they think it is just another false alarm and ends up being a real incident where a policeman could get hurt. So, as I said earlier, the intent, we're working with the Municipal League and we're working with the Retail Merchants in trying to make sure that this is in the right form when we finally vote on it and I can assure you that it will come back for concurrence from the Senate or it won't become law. And I appreciate your vote."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 4973 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 61 Members voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution 101, offered by Representative Madigan, referred to the House Committee on Rules."

Speaker Lyons: "Continuing on page 6 of the Calendar under House Bills-Third Reading, Representative May, you have House Bill 5018. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5018, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Lake, Representative Karen May."

May: "Yes. Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Bill allows our citizens who lose their jobs to access the 65 percent payment for many COBRA health insurance premium

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that is being put forward by the Federal Government. It's an initiative of the Department of Insurance to help the citizens of our state. You may recall that last year we passed House Bill 2325 rather unanimously. And this, since the Federal Government has extended it through the end of February, two more months, this would allow us to access those dollars and we've also written in, if there are any further extensions, we don't have to do this again."

Speaker Lyons: "Any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Frank Mautino."

Mautino: "I simply rise in support of the Lady's Bill. What she said is exactly correct. The Department of Insurance has set forth that we have the opportunity so long as the Federal Government continues to provide the funding to extend the 65 percent credit, should that funding end, then the program ends. There is no impact on the state. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "No one seeking further discussion, the question is, 'Should House Bill 5018 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Jim Durkin. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Chapin Rose, on page 6 of the Calendar, you have House Bill 5122. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5122, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Chapin Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is a very simple Bill. Currently, for some reason right now, municipalities that may be split down county lines cannot through an intergovernmental agreement contract with 911 service and 911 is typically done by county. What has happened, the Village of Arthur which is split between two counties, one county has enhanced 911 the other county does not and as a result the fire department when they get a call if you're on one side of the street you're okay and the fire department knows where you are; if you're on the other side of the street, the response time is longer. And so, this Bill doesn't require anything. It just would allow a municipality to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with a fire protection district to receive 911 service from one entity as opposed to currently being split in two or more configurations."

Speaker Lyons: "Is there any discussion on House Bill 5122? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should this Resolution... should this Bill pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Dennis Reboletti, you have House Bill 5148. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5148, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5148 came to me for some undercover agents that I used to work with when I was at the Will County State's Attorneys Office. And they brought this to my attention because as we dealt with drug dealers, especially in heroin, that the weights that they would catch the individuals with were not enough to charge them with offenses that would be mandatory prison. In the suburbs, in my hometown of Elmhurst especially, we've seen quite a surge of heroin moving in to the communities in the suburbs. We haven't had methamphetamine like down south, but we have had heroin and the reason for that is because the... it's much more pure; it can now be smoked; it can now be snorted. So, and it's more popular or so-called 'cool' to do it. And we're seeing a huge influx of young people, high school students, in our... in drug treatment and halfway homes trying to get themselves rehabilitated from this very dangerous, very highly addictive substance. So, what this Bill would do is move the thresholds down from 1 to 15 grams to charge the weight... for a Class I felony down to 1 to 5 grams and with 3 grams or more being mandatory prison. The way heroin is packaged, it's packaged in little mini tinfoil packets that are less than a tenth of a gram. When the undercover agents catch these guys, they usually have far less than 5 grams and usually far less than 15 grams.

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So, we would move that down. We would also move the Class X from 15 to 99 grams from 5 to 99 grams. So, I would urge your support. It's something that is affecting many of our residents and we need to get it... we need all the help that we can get on this. So, this will be a tool for narcotics enforcement agents to get the drug dealers off the streets. I'd be prepared to answer any questions. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "This Bill's on Short Debate. We have several people wanting to speak to the issue. The first speaker is Representative Ed Washington."

Washington: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To my good colleague, Reboletti. Reboletti, what is the problem? We don't have enough people in jail for drugs, so we're going to continue to treat..."

Reboletti: "Well, Representative..."

Washington: "Let me finish, let me finish, let me finish the question."

Reboletti: "You asked the question. I was going to answer it."

Washington: "Let me finish the question. Let me... I'm going to let you to respond. I said my good friend."

Reboletti: "Oh."

Washington: "So, we don't have enough people in jail. So, we want to go from 15 grams to 5 grams so we can put more people in jail. So, we don't want to... we don't want to go to the root causes of drug uses, which is economic opportunity, which is treatment. We just want to put more people in jail and so, we're going to go from 15 to 5. Can you explain that, please?"

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Reboletti: "Well, what I'd like to do, Representative, is take the profit out of the drug culture which we see throughout all of our communities. These people, these drug dealers, are poisoning the communities. They're making huge profits. There are numerous shootings throughout the State of Illinois brought on by the narcotics trade, and what this is trying to do is take that profit out and to lock up the people that are causing the..."

Washington: "Lock them up."

Reboletti: "...State of Illinois to have to spend thousands of dollars a month in treatment for one person. So, we need to send a message back out that if you're going to be selling heroin that we're... you're going to be locked up. This is not going after the people that have the addiction, Representative. This is going after the people that are making money off of selling drugs and making a lot of money at it."

Washington: "Reboletti, there's no difference between a white lie and a black lie, a lie is a lie. And most people who handle drugs use drugs. So, let me just say that I don't think, you know, I respect you greatly and we're going to agree to disagree and this is probably another time that you and I will disagree. I am not for putting more people in American jails. The statistics that I get, unless they're different than yours, said that it costs more to incarcerate than educate. And if that's the case, if that is a true thing in an economic time when we're facing in the worst time of our history, I am not for lowering..."

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We've got enough people going in jails. If not... do you know what 5 grams is versus 15 grams?"

Reboletti: "I'm well aware of it, Representative."

Washington: "All I'm saying, Sir, that I am not for putting more people in jail for a lesser amount, a drug use is a drug use. How about you and I talk about more resources for people who can't find these jobs who are turning to these drug sales and how not... how about not changing it at all and just keeping it like it is, let's go to the root causes and not the symptoms. To the Bill. I think this is, once again, one of those moves, lock them up, lock them up and let's feed them cake. I think it's wrong, I think it's wrong, I think it's wrong. To continue to put Americans in jail and to talk about lowering the amount of grams to 5 grams now. Lock them up, lock them up. That does not solve the problem of crime, Reboletti. It does not solve the problem of the war on drugs which we lost a long time ago. So, I think this is a bad Bill and urge my colleagues to vote 'no' and leave it like it is and let's talk about symptoms and resources."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Collins."

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. This Bill represents the exact same Bill when we changed crack from coke... coke from crack. So, what we did was, we penalized because we had... now, what's happening is the people that are down south are coming up north buying drugs, buying the heroin 'cause it's cheaper and it's packaged differently, and then they go back down south. So, they want to give

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those people treatment, but they want to lower the amounts, the grams, of the people up north who's selling the drug so that they can go to jail longer. Now, the profit margins aren't going to change. What's the difference is is they're going to carry less drugs now and so you won't catch them with those drugs, but we don't want to put those people in treatment or we don't want to get them a job because, you know, once you get an 'x' on your back, Illinois is not a work free state, that you can't get a job. So, now, we don't want to feed the people and give them a house, but we want to put the people down south... we want to put them in treatment, but the people up north that's driving up, the people down south that's driving up north to get the drugs out of our communities, well, we're going to lower the amount of drugs and put those people in jail. No, the disparities already exist and the only thing we're doing now is making disparities greater and greater and greater. We have to come up with something else besides putting the people in jail for drugs. Drugs is a nonviolent crime. It is; it truly is and the drug dealers don't want to kill people because that brings more attention to their drug sales. What we want to do... these people want to take care of their families. They want to have a house to live in. They want to buy food and clothes for their children and so we have to figure out a way how to employ these people. So, lowering the amount of drugs that they carry for... from the grams that you're having for heroin is only going to perpetuate the problem. And I just urge a... a 'no' vote for this Bill. It is the wrong Bill

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and it is the wrong way to deal with the drug problem in Illinois."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Paul Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Froehlich: "Representative, do you have any idea what this will cost the State of Illinois if your Bill leads to more people incarcerated for more years?"

Reboletti: "I'm not sure, Representative. The Department of Corrections didn't submit any information on that."

Froehlich: "But it's fairly predictable that... that your Bill, if it becomes law, will mean more people locked up for longer years which means this is a spending Bill. This is a Bill that will likely increase spending at a time when we need to be cutting spending. Isn't that true?"

Reboletti: "Well, that... that's interesting perspective, Representative, but when kids end up dead or in the hospital or in treatment, the state pays for that; we're still spending. We're going to move the resources to get the people off the street to dry up the supply. That's where we're going at, Representative. The public safety is our number one job here in the State of Illinois."

Froehlich: "Now..."

Reboletti: "I don't call this a spending Bill. You may call it a spending Bill. I don't call it a spending Bill."

Froehlich: "Well, isn't treatment less expensive than incarceration for Class X felony?"

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Reboletti: "Is treatment less expensive? That depends who... how much treatment you need and where you're getting your treatment at. That's a pretty vague question."

Froehlich: "Well, it seems to me at a time when we've got a budget crisis we ought to be careful about increasing our... passing Bills that are going to clearly increase our state expenditures on DOC. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Debbie Graham."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Sponsor yields."

Graham: "Representative Reboletti, again, I've been listening to some of the debate. Can you tell me, again, why you decided to do this legislation?"

Reboletti: "There has been a huge influx of heroin into the suburbs. It's been happening over the years. When I was a prosecutor in Will County, we saw heroin deaths shoot up every year, overdoses. You're looking at dozens if not more in a county of about 600 thousand to 700 thousand people. We're seeing epidemic proportions now in DuPage County and the collar counties. It's become cheaper; it's become more pure; it's more readily available and we've seen, in my hometown of Elmhurst, a lot of students from York High School have gotten caught up in using heroin and ended up in treatment. And so, that's where this came to my attention and as a matter of fact, I'm... I serve on Serenity House's advisory board, which is a halfway house in my district and I'll be working with others later next

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month to talk about the rise of heroin throughout the suburbs."

Graham: "Representative, I appreciate the thought of trying to save lives. I live in a community where our community has... we've had an issue with drugs for quite some time. And I've sat here over the last few years when methamphetamine became an issue in downstate Illinois and in some of the other areas I've seen legislation come out here repeatedly asking for money to treat people, to help people, to make them aware. I've seen legislation come through here that says put the drugs... cold medicine behind the counter, make them sign for it, give their IDs, to stop the making of methamphetamine, but I have not seen anything that really addresses where the drugs really come from, how they really get into the communities. We have a problem, I would agree, but lowering the amount of drugs that people are packaging, I don't think is the solution. I think this problem is so widespread and so disproportionately happening that we even have an issue with the police department, because, you know, some kids when they come into the police department they decide whether or not they're going to call their parents or not or pat them on the back and say, well, this is a kid; he doesn't know what he's doing. In some communities, they don't even give you a second chance. They stop you; they pull you over and search you because your pipes on your car is loud and we're facing so many other issues. We have state's attorneys that come in to determine what you're being charged for and everybody across the board is not being charged

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consistently for some of the same crimes or issues that are being hap... that's happening in other communities. I understand wanting to stop what you think is getting out there to the suburbs, but I will beg to differ with you or I would join with you to say that we need to educate our kids and stop talking like drugs is not a problem and it ain't been happening since the '60s of people using various drugs. We've been sugarcoating and not looking at the problems and I don't think this is... this piece of legislation gets to that at all. It's another 'feel good' piece of legislation. We can't keep... we can't create jobs. We can't create a number of things that will really help our communities and create the programs that will help educate our kids to not go down this path 'cause we seem to not be able to head in that direction. Mr. Speaker..."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Graham, you're time has expired.

I'll give you another minute to finish your remarks."

Graham: "Thank you. I respect my colleague in wanting to end the trauma that has happened to various kids in other parts of the state, in the suburbs, but we've been begging and pleading for so long for help in our communities, treatment programs, Second Chance programs and we've always... almost been laughed out of this place asking for help for our communities. You know, I do want to and I understand. I don't want by any means to think that I don't understand what the problem is, but we've been suffering for a long time. And it seems like our cries have fallen on deaf ears and I think this legislation does more harm than it does good. It does not address any of the problems that we're

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facing. So, I would ask my colleagues... I would ask my colleagues in anything that comes up that raises the fees or things like that, everybody's jumping off their seats saying 'no'. This will cost more than \$2 million more, you know, to incarcerate the people for carrying such a small amount that they shouldn't have in the first place, I would agree. But this piece of legislation doesn't address the real problem. So, I would urge my colleagues to please vote 'no'."

Speaker Lyons: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Randy Ramey."

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the previous question."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, there's a lot of people wishing to speak for this issue and I'll continue debate some. We'll call the question. Okay. We'll call the question. All those in favor of this Motion say 'yes'; all those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'noes' have it. The debate continues. Representative Chapin Rose, you're the next speaker."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What a difference a day makes, right? Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Look, I've heard people debate the cost and things. How much does it cost to have drugs on our streets? How much does it cost to have dealers hooking new addicts day by day? How much does that cost? What's the social cost to the State of Illinois to the taxpayers and to that person's life to get hooked by a dealer? Representative Reboletti told you this Bill is aimed at dealers, aimed at dealers. Taking these dealers off our streets keep people... keeps people from getting

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hooked in the first place. That's the goal and for anybody to suggest that somehow leaving dealers on the streets is a good idea, are you kidding me? What world do you live in? What state do you live in? You want to leave dealers on the streets to hook more kids on dope? That makes a heck of a lot of good sense, not. Come on people, let's be serious. We've got to get these guys off the streets. Representative Reboletti's told you this is targeted at dealers for hooking new addicts. It doesn't matter what side you're on. Liberal, Conservative, Republican, Democrat, downstate, Chicago, it doesn't matter. We should not be putting these people on our streets to hook other people. I mean, that... if there's an injustice anywhere, it's leaving these people on the streets to steal other citizens' lives. Are you kidding me? I can't believe I heard this debate. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Bill. I'll say it with all sincerity. The Sponsor and I are personal friends. We have... I think respect each other's integrity on this. This is a bad Bill, folks, for a couple of reasons. When we created Class X felonies, they were created for the worst of the worst and before anybody comes back and says that I am condoning people that commit these crimes, that's not the case. But what we are doing arbitrarily here, by taking the possession amount with intent from 15 to 5, is simply an arbitrary number. It doesn't get to the root problem. At a time when more and more studies and discussions talk about the need for alternative treatment,

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alternative sentencing, for getting these people back in productive lives again, getting them back to work again, we're simply condemning them to becoming career criminals. This is making us a prison economy. You know, time and time again, I will speak and I'll talk about the fact, when I talk to groups, that Illinois is one of the few places that looks at prison construction as economic development. Where are our priorities here? We are fighting... we are fighting to do whatever we can to fund education for children. We're looking at budgets where we may have to cut education spending, but we have legislation here that will cause us to divert money from education and put that money into incarceration. Work on the users as well as the dealers, work on education, work on alternative treatment. There is a disparity here. There's also a geographic issue here. When there was an issue with crack, way back when, it was an urban minority issue and a lot of folks around this place didn't care. But when meth started to ravage downstate Illinois, then all hell broke loose and we needed to do whatever we could. If you use Sudafed to make crack, and we said that we should put crack behind counters and behind pharmacists to get it, a lot of people on that side of the aisle would never have supported it, but when it was an issue about meth ravaging downstate Illinois or suburban communities, then it was a different issue, then we needed to act. This is legislation that's going to put more people behind bars. It isn't going to get at the root problem and Representative, you know what, you and I agree about the problem, not just about the people making it, not

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just about the people selling it, but the fact that people are drawn into this and you and Representative Rose was correct, too. Those lives are being ruined and we need to do something about that, but simply swelling our prison population is not the answer. Just a week ago, this side of the aisle was talking about responsible budgeting and pay-go budgeting. I'd like to see the analysis on this and I wish I'd known this Bill was coming up 'cause I would have put a fiscal note on the Bill. I'd like to see where the money's going to come from when we have a \$12 billion deficit to figure out how we're going to start incarcerating thousands of more people for longer terms at \$30 thousand a year, but we can't find a way to spend \$7 thousand a year to educate a child. There's something wrong with this here, not with your intentions. Dennis, you and I know each other too well for that. The intentions are right. I disagree that this legislation gets at the intention. I think it sets a bad policy for us. It takes troublesome policy as far as where are priorities are, how we're going to get there and what we're going to deal with in these difficult economic times. Ladies and Gentlemen, with all due respect, please pay attention to what you're doing on this piece of legislation. This is not a matter of being tough on criminals, soft on drugs, this is a matter about having a consistent, intelligent, productive policy that gets us to have more people back in society and not behind bars. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Mary Flowers."

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Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Lyons: "Gentleman yields."

Flowers: "Representative, can you please tell me how long the war has been going on on drugs here in the United States?"

Reboletti: "I would assume for decades, Representative."

Flowers: "For decades we have been fighting a war on drugs in the United States. And so, how have we been doing in this war, Sir? Have we been winning?"

Reboletti: "I don't know what you'd call a win, Representative, but taking a drug dealer off the street and incarcerating is a win. I think that helping..."

Flowers: "Is... is the country..."

Reboletti: "Can I finish, Representative?"

Flowers: "...is the country better?"

Reboletti: "Representative, if I can finish. A win can also be getting somebody who is addicted into treatment, into drug court so that they can go back and be productive. So, I would call that a win. I don't know what you're talk... if you want to say we're winning or losing. Are there more drugs here than ever, yes. Are our borders wide open, yes. There's... Is the Federal Government doing all they can? I'm not exactly sure, but I don't think there's a scorecard that we can..."

Flowers: "I just wanted..."

Reboletti: "...that we can actually look to, to see if we're winning or losing."

Flowers: "I just want to bring to your attention that in 2008, the New York Times said that the United States war on drugs has failed, it has failed. So, if we have been fighting a

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war, Sir, for decades and have spent billions and billions of dollars, more dollars on education, for a failed war, don't you think we should do something different? Don't you think it's time for a change? Don't you think that we should realize that what we've been doing hasn't been working, so therefore we should change our mode of operation? If we were fighting the war in Afghanistan the same way we started off fighting, do you think we would be winning? If we had started and continued the fight that we're fighting in... Iran the same way decades later, do you think we would be winning? We need to stop it, Sir. We need to stop it because we are wasting moneys. The United States have more people locked up for crimes..."

Reboletti: "I know."

Flowers: "...of doing drugs. We have not fixed the problem; we have made it worse. And we, the taxpayer of the State of Illinois, we would like to create jobs, we would like to be able to keep our homes, we would love to be able to educate our children, but locking up people longer for a failed war on drugs is not the responsible thing to do. Please don't ask us to continue to do something that we know has failed this country. Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Lyons: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I find this to be a very interesting debate compared to some that we've had in the last couple of days. I do think that, quite frankly, this Bill came out of committee 6 to 1. One of the speakers is on that committee. I didn't have a chance..."

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I was just pulling up to see who actually voted for it, but obviously, if it came out of committee 6 to 1 a good number of Democrats voted for this Bill. The debate to me is very interesting in the fact that in our analysis and in my estimation, heroin, a small amount of heroin is more addictive and it seems to me that when you have a debate that pretty much says you're just putting our kids in jail, you're discounting the fact that your debate on the House Floor's put some stamp of approval on the fact that they may sell drugs because they don't have jobs. Yet, the same people on the other side of the aisle have voted repeatedly for budgets that have basically cut the money for DASA and cut other programs and made our budget untenable. Last year, you voted for a budget that was a lump sum; we did not. That lump sum gave you no idea of where the money would go, whether it was going to your communities. I don't understand that you do not see the interaction between sales of drugs, gangs, turf wars and gun violence. And yet, you stand up and repeatedly ask for those Bills to be passed or Bills to be passed for child molesters, but you do not see the interaction, nor the interaction of your actions when you stand up and argue that this is a bad thing to do on the young people in your area. It puts a stamp on the fact that you think this is all right and that you're being victimized, rather than as a role model that says we don't do this; this is what's causing our young people to be murdered, this is what's causing gang wars, this is what's causing, in all communities, young people to be on drugs and die on drugs. That the Gentleman has a

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Bill out here that came out of committee 6 to 1 is very interesting to me. So, why did you let the Bill out of committee? Why didn't you sit and argue the Bill or discuss how you would do better before you let the Bill out of committee? You did not do that. And my understanding is, you're willing to take a look at a budget again this year that will be a lump sum that will give you no call on what happens with DASA, no call on what happens with jobs, no call what happens with... in your own communities. You've repeatedly lessened the things that would encourage business to hire people in your area. I do not understand why you would get up on the House Floor and make an argument that puts a stamp of approval on something that you don't want to happen in your community; I don't want to happen in my community. At some point, if we're going to have this debate going into May, I think we better get together on where we're going, because our state is in big trouble. And the fiscal financial picture does not say it's one year; it says at least two years. And if we don't get a bailout from the Federal Government, we're not going to have any programs being funded this year; we're not going to pay our bills; we're not going to do anything. There is no civility. You let targets on your side get a Bill out, targets on our side, you sucker them out into a 6 to 1 in committee and put your Bill on the House Floor and then you stand and argue, an argument that is not valid in your own community because what you're saying to the young people in your community, this is all right to do this, this is all right to deal drugs. We have it in to make it

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harder because it's... make more money than you do throwing a burger. You know, I think that the discussion here is very, very interesting and why the better discussion did not take, prior to the Bill coming to the floor, is a question that we need to answer. The ethics of what goes on in this Body is questioned continually in the newspaper. That the ethics of what we do and how we portray ourselves back into our own community needs to be discussed. The ethics of how you do a gun Bill, how you do a drug Bill..."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, your time has expired. We'll give you another minute to conclude your remarks."

Mulligan: "I don't know what the Sponsor wants to do with this, but I definitely think that heroin is one of the worst drugs we have out there. I don't continually see putting more and more people into prison, but I also don't see standing here and putting your stamp of approval on it. Put the Bill out there or ask him to hold it and work with him on it, but sure as heck don't stand up here and say that that isn't important to your community 'cause you don't want your kids to go to jail and it's important to allow them to sell drugs."

Speaker Lyons: "We have three more speakers: McAsey, Burns and Davis. I'm cutting off debate and then Representative Reboletti will close. Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this Bill. I had the opportunity to be in committee to hear from Representative Reboletti. Like Representative Reboletti, I represent a community where this is a growing problem on our street. Like Representative Reboletti, I've

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had conversations with undercover agents who are trying to build cases to take these heroin dealers off of our streets, to prevent death among our youth who are using. And this legislation is specific to go to the small weight that the dealers are carrying so that, in fact, we can make cases in our courts of law. I... I would just urge the 'aye' vote of all my colleagues."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, have you completed your remarks? Representative McAsey, are you finished? Thank you, Representative. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Burns."

Burns: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd like to speak to the Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "To the Bill."

Burns: "There are a lot of emotions that have been raised by this Bill today. I'd like to correct some of the statements and characterizations that have been made by previous speakers. We are all concerned about the scourge of drug abuse in our communities. Many of us on this side of the aisle suffer from that scourge in ways that are very different than your side of the aisle. We have open drug markets in our communities. It is a real problem and it breeds violence. And we all are looking for ways to deal with this problem in a constructive way, but to me it appears that this Bill and with all due respect to the Bill's Sponsor and I've worked with him on a number of issues around criminal justice reform and I think he's a open and fair-minded person, but with all due respect, this Bill seems to be disproportionate. To drop it from 15 grams to 5 grams and make that a Class X felony, it would

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seem to me that you're giving small-time drug dealers and persons with small amounts of heroin on their person extraordinary prison terms. And I'd like to point out for the record that it... folks who already in possession of these... of these drugs and with the intent to manufacture or sell are already going to be charged as felons. What we're doing is bumping this up to a Class X felony, a category that was reserved originally for those people who had committed murder, who are serious threats to our community. It seems to me that providing a Class X felony for small-time drug dealers, regardless of the drug, is disproportionate. We have to figure out ways to work together on this. One of the previous speakers mentioned that we're not funding human services and alcohol and substance abuse programs. Part of the reason we're not doing that is we have failed to come up with the revenue to fund those programs. And we have failed to come up with a bipartisan consensus on how to deal with the state's budget crisis. Yet, it's not a problem to increase criminal penalties and send more people to jail for longer periods of time where it costs tens of thousands of dollars a year to keep someone locked up in prison where it's far cheaper to deal with that person and provide drug treatment and job training and other services. This is not a good ROI on the state's money. So, with that, I would encourage my colleague to take this Bill out of the record. Let's try to figure out some other ways that we can work together. We've worked together on the Illinois Crime Reduction Act of 2009. I think there's some fair-minded people in this

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Body and I think we can come up with a solution. But I think in order for us to move forward, we have to move beyond Bills that look good in press releases, that look good in mailers, but really don't solve our problems. I would encourage our colleagues to vote 'no' on both sides of the aisle. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Monique Davis is the final speaker then Representative Reboletti."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I want to say that yesterday there was a woman in the back who is the first woman to ever be on Death Row in the State of Illinois. She was in the back of our chamber because she has been to court and the court found her punishment from domestic abuse to have been extremely, extremely over-the-top, depressing and much harsher sentence than she deserved. So, a woman that we had given the death penalty to is now a radio talk show hostess and a religious leader for others who are suffering from domestic violence. When we compare those... that sentence to the proposed sentence for someone selling heroin and reducing the amount, what we're saying is you are going to be in prison as long as a person who has committed first degree murder. Now, one of the most important things for us as Legislators to remember is putting people in jail is not free. They don't go to jail with a free card or free pass. Someone pays for that and it is the Illinois taxpayer who pays more and more for incarceration and incarceration without treatment, incarceration without education, incarceration without job training. And all of these things lead to the great

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recidivism that we see. No one on this side of the aisle and I would suggest on your side of the aisle, no one supports and condones the sale of or the use of drugs which include heroin. And for anyone to make those kind of charges, it is extremely disingenuous and it leads me to believe they're in need of psychiatric help. No one on this side of the aisle regardless to what neighborhood you come from, support drug selling or drug abuse, but we do not support excessive sentencing with excessive incarceration that increases excessively the budget of the State of Illinois. I, too, urge a 'no' vote, but we can work on something else to help solve the problem. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reboletti to close."

Reboletti: "If people want to assassinate my character on the floor, that's fine. That... that is up to you. But this Bill is about public safety. It's about keeping communities safe. These aren't small-time drug dealers, Ladies and Gentlemen. In three grams of heroin it's 30 hits. That's not small-time. Five grams is 50. Look at the math, it's very simple. Putting people in treatment is still very expensive, which I would prefer to keep those folks in treatment, not in prison. This is focused on those people who profit in the drug trade, people who kill other people. Have you heard of drug-induced homicide because I've prosecuted those cases. When heroin dealers sell too pure of a substance or add other substances where the person ends up injecting it and being... and being killed almost instantaneously. With that, 90 percent of the

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heroin comes from Afghanistan and we're already over there. And that's part of the narcoterrorism issues that we deal with. So, I would urge an 'aye' vote to protect our communities. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "The question is, 'Should House Bill 5148 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 68 Members voting 'yes', 40 Members voting 'no', 4 Members voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions, on page 8 of the Calendar, Representative Eddy, you have House Joint Resolution 86. Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution 86 honors a Medal of Honor winner from Crawford County, Illinois. His name is Sammy Davis. Basically, what it does is besides the... the regular congratulatory statements in a Resolution like this, it directs the Department of Transportation to put a... an appropriate plaque at a rest area near where Mr. Davis lives in Crawford County, Illinois, to honor his service to the country as a Medal of Honor winner. And Mr. Davis is still alive and this will give us an opportunity to honor him for his duty to our country while he's still here. And I would ask that you support my Resolution."

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Speaker Lyons: "Also speaking to the question, I assume, is Representative Ron Stephens. Representative Stephens on the Resolution."

Stephens: "Sammy Davis, I'll tell you, one of the.. one of the bravest Americans to ever live. A guy who, on his own, saved three fellow soldiers and the unique part of the saving of their lives was that they were on the other side of a river. Sammy doesn't swim, but he got to them in water over his head. He made a miracle happen that night and saved three young men. I've been proud to know him for about 20 years now. Also, one of the funniest guys you'll ever meet and I can't wait to be there. Roger, thank you for.. for honoring him and he would say that he will accept that plaque on behalf of all of those who didn't make it back. God bless you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Representative Stephens. Thank you, Representative Eddy. This call will require a Roll Call vote. So, all those in favor of the adoption of House Joint Resolution 86 vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Art Turner. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Resolution, 112 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House Joint Resolution 86 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Joint Resolution 100, offered by Representative Currie.

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CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, February 18, 2010, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 12:00 noon, or until the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 12:00 noon, or until the call of the President."

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I've been asked to remind all of you that Members should submit their requests for House Bills to be... to get out of Rules to Chief of Staff Tim Mapes no later than Tuesday the 23 of February. So, get those requests in to Chief of Staff as soon as possible. Representative Lang moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Agreed Resolutions, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 926, offered by Representative McCarthy. House Resolution 928, offered by Representative Hernandez. House Resolution 929, offered by Representative Holbrook. House Resolution 930, offered by Representative Cole. House Resolution 932, offered by Representative Burke. And House Resolution 935, offered by Representative Turner."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Lang moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, seeing no further business to come before the House of Representatives, allowing perfunctory

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time for the Clerk, the House will stand adjourned 'til the hour of noon on Tuesday, February 23. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House stands adjourned 'til the hour of noon on Tuesday, February 23. Representative Moffitt, tell that new granddaughter 117 of us and your daughter wish her all the best and congratulations. The House stands adjourned. Safe trip home everyone."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 6300, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6301, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6302, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6303, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6304, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6305, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6306, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6307, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6308, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6309, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 6310, offered by

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House Bill 6327, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6328, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6329, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6330, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6331, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6332, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6333, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6334, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 6335, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State... Correction. House Bill 6335, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6336, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6337, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6338, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6339, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6340, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6341, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6342, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill

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concerning revenue. House Bill 6360, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6361, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6362, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6363, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6334 (sic-6364), offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6365, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6366, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6367, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 6368, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6369, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6370, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6371, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6372, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6373, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6374, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6375, offered by Representative

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concerning criminal law. House Bill 6461, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6462, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6463, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6464, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6465, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6466, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6467, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6468, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6469, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6470, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6471, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6472, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6473, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6471 (sic-6474), offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6475, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6476, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 6477, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil

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budget implementation. House Bill 6512, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 6513, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 6514, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 6515, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 6516, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 6517, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 6518, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act in... Correction. ...a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6519, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 6520, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6521, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6522, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6523, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6524, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6525, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6526, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House

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Bill 6527, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6528, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6529, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6530, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6531, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6532, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6533, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6534, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6535, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6536, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6537, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6538, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6539, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6540, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6541, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6542, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6543, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6544, offered by Representative

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Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6545, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6546, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6547, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6548, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6549, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6550, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6551, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6552, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6553, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6554, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6555, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6556, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6557, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6558, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6559, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6560, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6561, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making

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appropriations. House Bill 6562, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6563, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6564, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6565, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6566, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6567, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6568, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6569, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6570, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6571, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6572, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6573, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6574, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6575, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6576, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6577, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6578, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6579, offered by

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Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6580, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6581, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6582, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6583, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6584, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6585, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6586, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6587, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6588, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6589, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6590, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6591, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6592, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6593, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6594, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6595, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6596, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an

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Act making appropriations. House Bill 6597, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6598, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6599, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6600, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6601, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6602, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6603, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6604, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6605, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6606, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6607, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6608, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6609, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6610, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6611, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6612, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6613, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House

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Bill 6614, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6615, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6616, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6617, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. First Reading of these House Bills. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #56, offered by Representative Cross.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH 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 Sections 2 and 3 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

(a)One Senator shall be elected from each Legislative District. Immediately following each decennial redistricting, the General Assembly shall divide the Legislative Districts as equally as possible into three groups. Senators from one group shall be elected for terms of four years, four years and two years; Senators from the second group, for terms of four years, two years and four years; and Senators from the third group, for terms of two

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years, four years and four years. The Legislative Districts in each group shall be distributed substantially equally over the State.

(b) In 2012 and every two years thereafter one Representative shall be elected from each Representative District for a term of two years.

(c) To be eligible to serve as a member of the General Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 21 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or appointment a resident of the district which he is to represent. In the general election following a redistricting, a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any district which contains a part of the district in which he resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a resident of the new district he represents for 18 months prior to reelection.

(d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in a Senatorial office with more than twenty-eight months remaining in the term, the appointed Senator shall serve until the next general election, at which time a Senator shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy is in a Representative office or in any other Senatorial office, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term. An appointee to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the person he succeeds.

(e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive compensation as a public officer or employee from any other

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governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance as a member of the General Assembly. No member of the General Assembly during the term for which he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a public office which shall have been created or the compensation for which shall have been increased by the General Assembly during that term.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

(a) On the second Tuesday in February in the year following each Federal decennial census year, the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Minority Leader of the House may each, considering the diversity of the State, appoint two members to the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission. On or before the second Tuesday in March, one additional member shall be elected by a majority of the members appointed, and that member shall serve as Chair. Members of the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission shall not be eligible to be elected to the General Assembly or appointed to any office that is subject to confirmation by the Senate for ten years after completion of service on the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission. No person may serve as a member of the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission who is at the time of appointment, becomes at any time during service, or who was at any time during the preceding four years (i) a registered lobbyist in Illinois; (ii) an employee or contractor of the State of Illinois; (iii) an elected official of or a candidate for or appointed member of any elected body of: the federal government, the State,

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a unit of local government, a school district or a political party; or (iv) an immediate family member of any of the foregoing. As used in this Article IV, Section 3, "immediate family member" is a person with whom the person has a bona fide relationship established through close blood or legal kinship. If any member of the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission shall be unable to fulfill the duties required under this Section, then the person who appointed said member, or that person's successor, shall appoint a person to fill said vacancy within five days of the occurrence of the vacancy. A meeting of a majority of a quorum of the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission shall be open to the public with at least twenty-four hour notice. The Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission shall have authority to hire independent private firms for any assistance. The Commission shall conduct at least five public hearings on separate days around five distinct geographic regions of the State before voting on any redistricting plans, and at least three of the hearings shall be after receipt of the data from the United States Census Bureau. Within three days after receipt of the data from the United States Census Bureau, the Commission shall make that data, together with redistricting software, available to the public.

(b) The Commission shall approve any redistricting plans by a majority vote of its members. The Commission shall establish districts pursuant to a mapping process using the

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following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority:

(1) Districts shall comply with all Federal laws and shall not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or to diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice.

(2) Districts shall be contiguous.

(3) Districts shall be substantially equal in population.

(4) Districts shall be compact.

(5) District boundaries shall, to the extent practical, follow visible geographic features and municipal boundaries.

(6) The plan shall not be drawn to purposefully or significantly favor or discriminate against any political party or group. Party registration, voting history data and incumbency shall not be considered in the mapping process, except to evaluate compliance with the criteria listed in subsections (b)(1) and (b)(6). The Commission shall establish definitions where applicable for each of the criteria listed in subsections (b)(1)-(6). A Representative District need not be entirely within a single Legislative District. After preliminary approval of the redistricting plans, the Commission shall release the proposed plans to the public, conduct at least three public hearings around three distinct geographic regions of the State, and submit a report to the General Assembly. At any time prior to the

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submission of a plan under subsection (c), any member of the General Assembly or general public may submit a plan to be considered by the Commission and for public viewing. All documents submitted to or plans considered by the Commission shall be made available to the public within a reasonable time period.

(c)After conducting the required public hearings, the Commission shall approve by a majority vote a Representative redistricting plan by third Monday in May, which the Chair of the Commission shall deliver to the House of Representatives on the third business day after approval. The House must take a record vote to accept the plan by a House Resolution. The Resolution is adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected. After conducting the required public hearings, the Commission shall approve by a majority vote a Senate redistricting plan by the third Monday in May, which the Chair of the Commission shall deliver to the Senate on the third business day after approval. The Senate must take a record vote to accept the plan by a Senate Resolution. The Resolution is adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected. Redistricting plans may not be amended by either chamber. An adopted redistricting resolution shall be filed with the Secretary of State by the presiding officer of the chamber that initiated the resolution. Each chamber shall have until the first Monday in June to file a resolution with the Secretary of State approving the redistricting plan.

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(d) If a plan is not adopted by a chamber of the General Assembly, the Commission shall approve an alternative redistricting plan no later than third Monday in June, and the Chair of the Commission shall deliver that plan to the appropriate chamber of the General Assembly on the third business day after approval. The appropriate chamber of the General Assembly shall approve or reject that plan in the same manner established by subsection (c). Each chamber shall have until the first Monday in July to file a resolution with the Secretary of State approving the alternative redistricting plan.

(e) If a plan is not approved by a chamber of the General Assembly by the first Monday in July, the Commission shall approve by a majority one of the two previous plans submitted to the appropriate chamber of the General Assembly under subsections (c) and (d). The Chair of the Commission shall file the approved redistricting plan for the appropriate chamber with the Secretary of State not later than the third Monday in July.

(f) If at any time the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission fails to meet one of the deadlines set forth herein, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and a Supreme Court Judge chosen by the Judges of the Supreme Court who are not of the political party of the Chief Justice shall within ten days jointly appoint and certify to the Secretary of State one person to act as Special Master to generate any maps not previously approved. No person may serve as Special Master who is not eligible to serve on the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission. A

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person who serves as Special Master is not eligible to be elected to the General Assembly or appointed to any office that is subject to confirmation by the Senate for ten years after completion of service as a Special Master. A Special Master shall consider all redistricting plans delivered by or submitted to the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission, the Senate, or the House as applicable. The Special Master shall have authority to hire independent assistance, make available the data received from the United States Census Bureau, together with redistricting software, to the public within three days of receipt unless the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission has already done so; shall conduct at least five public hearings on separate days around five distinct geographic regions of the State after receipt of the data from the United States Census Bureau and before promulgating any preliminary redistricting plans, and shall hold at least three public hearings on separate days around three distinct geographic regions of the State after promulgating any preliminary redistricting plans and before finalizing any plan or plans. All documents submitted to or utilized by the Special Master shall be made available to the public within a reasonable amount of time. The Special Master shall file a redistricting plan complying with the criteria set forth in subsection 3(b) for the Legislative Districts and Representative Districts, as applicable, with the Secretary of State not later than September 30.

(g)A redistricting resolution or redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid, shall

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have the force and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State. The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People of the State by the Attorney General.

SCHEDULE

The State Board of Elections shall proceed, as soon as all the returns are received but no later than 31 days after the election, to canvass the votes given for and against this Constitutional Amendment, as shown by the abstracts of votes cast. If this Constitutional Amendment is approved by either three-fifths of those voting on the question or a majority of those voting in the election, then the State Board of Elections shall declare the adoption of this Constitutional Amendment and it shall, upon declaration of its adoption, take effect and become a part of the Constitution of this State. This Schedule supersedes and applies notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, and no other requirements, including without limitation proclamation of the results of the vote or notice by publication, are necessary for its effectiveness. This Constitutional Amendment applies to redistricting beginning in 2011 for the election of members of the General Assembly beginning in 2012. This has been the First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #56. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."