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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, A legislative proposal would allow State Medicaid  
3 funds to be used to pay for abortions and would cover abortions  
4 for State employees for any reason through all nine months of  
5 pregnancy; and

6           WHEREAS, The legislation would allow the State of Illinois  
7 to fund organizations that pay for abortions; and

8           WHEREAS, There were 39,856 abortions performed in Illinois  
9 in 2015; and

10           WHEREAS, The number of abortions in Illinois represents  
11 4.6% of the abortions performed across the country; and

12           WHEREAS, Medicaid currently does not provide funding for  
13 abortions and insurance benefits for abortions are only  
14 provided to State employees when the life or health of the  
15 mother is in danger and in cases of rape and incest; and

16           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois would be responsible for  
17 100% of Medicaid costs tied to abortions because there would be  
18 no federal reimbursements as a result of the Hyde Amendment  
19 which prevents federal funds from covering abortions; and

1           WHEREAS, Illinois ended 2016 with nearly \$11 billion in  
2           unpaid bills, making the cost of abortion funding an undue  
3           burden on taxpayers;; and

4           WHEREAS, Taxpayers opposed to abortion on moral and  
5           religious grounds should not have to fund abortions with their  
6           tax dollars; and

7           WHEREAS, State or federal law does not prohibit private  
8           donors from paying for abortions; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10          HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11          state our opposition to legislative efforts to use State  
12          taxpayer funds to pay for abortions and to use taxpayer funds  
13          to pay for insurance costs for State employees to have  
14          abortions for any reason; and be it further

15          RESOLVED, That we oppose efforts to keep abortion legal in  
16          Illinois in the event the Supreme Court of the United States  
17          overturns the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision.