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12:03 O'CLOCK P.M.

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68TH LEGISLATIVE DAY

Perfunctory Session

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015

At the hour of 10:03 o'clock a.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Zalewski replaced Representative Lang in the Committee on Rules on June 29, 2015.

Representative Ford replaced Representative Mautino in the Committee on Rules on June 29, 2015.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on June 29, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 680, 681, 682, 683 and 684.

That the bill be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of concurrence: HOUSE BILLS 2640, 3484 and 4006.

That the Motion be reported "recommends be adopted" and placed on the House Calendar: Motion to concur with Senate Amendments numbered 2 and 3 to HOUSE BILL 2640. Motion to concur with Senate Amendment No. 2 to HOUSE BILL 3593.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

Judiciary - Civil: HOUSE AMENDMENTS Numbered 1, 2, 4 and 5 to HOUSE BILL 4006. Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges: SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS 4 and 5.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows: 3, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson	A Sullivan(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Zalewski(D) (replacing Lang)	A Leitch(R)
Y Ford(D) (replacing Mautino)	

At the hour of 10:03 o'clock a.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Lang in the chair.

Prayer by Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Louis H. Eason III, who is retired from the U.S. Air Force and currently a Chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol and is representing the United Church of Christ in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Representative Conroy led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

107 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Batinick, Hays, Jesiel, Phillips and Barbara Wheeler were excused from attendance.

REQUEST TO BE SHOWN ON QUORUM

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Golar, should be recorded as present at the hour of 12:15 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Arroyo, should be recorded as present at the hour of 12:30 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Davidsmeyer, should be recorded as present at the hour of 12:40 o'clock p.m.

REPORTS

The Clerk of the House acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

Annual Report on Cable and Video Services Deployment by Providers Granted State-Issued Cable and Video Service Authorization, submitted by the Illinois Commerce Commission on June 22, 2015.

Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report, submitted by the Illinois Department of Corrections on June 30, 2015.

Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority - Compliance Examination, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2015.

Environmental Protection Agency - Financial Audit and Compliance Examination, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2015.

Environmental Protection Trust Fund Commission - Compliance Examination, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2015.

Intermediate Service Center #1 - North Cook County, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2015.

Regional Office of Education #24 - Grundy/Kendall Counties, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2015.

Regional Office of Education #30 - Jackson/Perry Counties, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2015.

Region Office of Education #40 - Calhoun/Greene/Jersey/Macoupin Counties, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2015.

Regional Office of Education #45 - Monroe/Randolph Counties, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2015.

Regional Office of Education #45 - Monroe/Randolph Counties, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 24, 2015.

Office of Coal Development Fiscal 2014 Annual Report, submitted by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Development on June 25, 2015.

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2014 Annual Coal Statistical Report, submitted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on June 29, 2015.

Department of Natural Resources - Financial Audit and Compliance Examination, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 30, 2015.

Illinois Toll Highway Authority - Financial Audit and Compliance Examination, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 30, 2015.

Illinois Community College Board - Compliance Examination, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 30, 2015.

Department of Central Management Services, Illinois State Employees', submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 30, 2015.

Deferred Compensation Plan - Financial Audit, submitted by the Office of the Auditor General on June 30, 2015.

FY2015 Minority Outreach Report, submitted by the Illinois Power Agency on June 30, 2015.

LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL

June 30, 2015

Timothy D. Mapes
Office of the Clerk
Illinois House of Representatives
Room 420- State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk:

I would like the record to reflect that I will not be in session on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 due to a death in the immediate family.

Respectfully,

s/ Katherine Cloonen
State Representative
79th District

June 30, 2015

Timothy D. Mapes
Chief Clerk of the House
300 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mapes:

Please be advised that I am extending the Final Action Deadline to July 31, 2015 for the following House and Senate Bills:

House Bills: 245, 575, 576, 577, 578, 644, 645, 646, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 691, 693, 695, 696, 697, 699, 735, 851, 852, 972, 973, 1048, 1190, 1192, 1193, 1286, 1289, 1290, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2640, 3389, 3484, 3593, 3820, 4006.

Senate Bills: 29, 273, 417, 567, 637, 1262, 1380, 1488, 1506, 1562, 1564, 1629, 1673, 1741, 1907, 1919.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

s/Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House

MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Representative Currie withdrew the following written motion, that was previously placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 65, and having voted on the prevailing side, I move to reconsider the vote by which SENATE BILL 2029 passed in the House on May 29, 2015.

Representative Currie withdrew the following written motion, that was previously placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 65, and having voted on the prevailing side, I move to reconsider the vote by which SENATE BILL 2033 passed in the House on May 29, 2015.

Representative Currie withdrew the following written motion, that was previously placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 65, and having voted on the prevailing side, I move to reconsider the vote by which SENATE BILL 2034 passed in the House on May 29, 2015.

Representative Currie withdrew the following written motion, that was previously placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 65, and having voted on the prevailing side, I move to reconsider the vote by which SENATE BILL 2035 passed in the House on May 29, 2015.

Representative Ives submitted the following written motion, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

MOTION

I move to concur with Senate Amendment No. 2 to HOUSE BILL 3593.

Representative Nekritz submitted the following written motion, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

MOTION

I move to concur with Senate Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 3484.

Representative Sandack submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 18(g), I move to discharge the Committee on Rules from further consideration of HOUSE BILL 4225 and advance to the appropriate order of business.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by

Mr. Anderson, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the passage of bills of the following titles to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4147

A bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4148

A bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4159

A bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4160

A bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

Passed by the Senate, May 28, 2015.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by

Mr. Anderson, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the passage of a bill of the following title to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4151

A bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

Passed by the Senate, May 29, 2015.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by

Mr. Anderson, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of their amendment to a bill of the following title, to-wit:

SENATE BILL NO. 1354

A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.

House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 1354.

Action taken by the Senate, May 29, 2015.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by

Mr. Anderson, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of their amendment to a bill of the following title, to-wit:

SENATE BILL NO. 842

A bill for AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 842.
Action taken by the Senate, May 29, 2015.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by
Mr. Anderson, Secretary:
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of their amendments to a bill of the following title, to-wit:

SENATE BILL NO. 51

A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.
House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 51.
House Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL NO. 51.
Action taken by the Senate, May 29, 2015.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by
Mr. Anderson, Secretary:
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of their amendments to a bill of the following title, to-wit:

SENATE BILL NO. 274

A bill for AN ACT concerning finance.
House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 274.
House Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL NO. 274.
Action taken by the Senate, May 29, 2015.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 606

Offered by Representative Daniel Burke:
Congratulates Jose Barrera on his retirement as principal of Columbia Explorers Academy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 607

Offered by Representative Chapa LaVia:
Mourns the death of John H. Meyer of Aurora.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 610

Offered by Representative Meier:
Congratulates the members of the Nashville Community High School softball team, the Hornets, on winning the Illinois High School Association Class 2A State Championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 611

Offered by Representative Meier:

Congratulates the members of the Highland Bulldogs baseball team on the occasion of winning the Class 3A State Championship title.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 612

Offered by Representative Welch:

Mourns the death of Bettye Jeanette Hathaway Rivers.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 613

Offered by Representative Welch:

Mourns the death of Krisnette Kimberly Harlan.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 614

Offered by Representative Andersson:

Congratulates Craig Collins on his retirement from Geneva Community School District 304.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 615

Offered by Representative Brady:

Congratulates Vivian L. Downing on her retirement from her position as Administration Special Projects Coordinator and Site Compliance Officer for Advocate BroMenn Medical Center and Advocate Eureka Hospital in Illinois after more than 20 years of dedicated service.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 616

Offered by Representative Cabello:

Congratulates Illinois State Police Chief Budget Officer Carol Rakers on her retirement after 31 years of service.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 618

Offered by Representative Welch:

Mourns the death of Krisnette Kimberly Harlan.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 619

Offered by Representative Currie:

Congratulates Father Jack Farry of Chicago on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 620

Offered by Representative Bellock:

Recognizes Gwendolyn Westlund's First Annual Recycled Life Community Blood Drive and Organ Donor Education Event.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 621

Offered by Representative Bradley:
Mourns the death of Paul Arthur Walker of Ewing.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 622

Offered by Representative Davidsmeyer:
Congratulates the Calhoun High School girls softball team on winning the 2015 IHSA Class 1A Softball Championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 623

Offered by Representative Drury:
Wishes the members of the Grateful Dead much success at its upcoming concerts on July 3, 4, and 5, 2015 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 86

Offered by Representative Bradley:
Congratulates Father Joseph Trapp on the occasion of his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 87

Offered by Representative Hammond:
Honors Norwood Park Fire Department paramedic Dave Sanchez for his work in responding to a house fire in Norridge on January 7, 2015.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 596 was taken up for consideration.
Representative Sosnowski moved the adoption of the agreed resolution.
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 599 was taken up for consideration.
Representative Anthony moved that all Members of the House of Representatives be added as sponsors.
Representative Anthony moved the adoption of the agreed resolution.
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 605 was taken up for consideration.
Representative Scherer moved that all Members of the House of Representatives be added as sponsors.
Representative Scherer moved the adoption of the agreed resolution.
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 623 was taken up for consideration.
Representative Drury moved the adoption of the agreed resolution.
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolution was adopted.

RECESS

At the hour of 12:31 o'clock p.m., Representative Lang moved that the House do now take a recess until the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed.
At the hour of 2:06 o'clock p.m., the House resumed its session.
Representative Lang in the Chair.

DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR

Supplemental Calendar No. 1 was distributed to the Members at 12:33 o'clock p.m.

CONVENING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Representative Currie asked and obtained unanimous consent to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole regarding government operations beginning July 1, 2015.

Leave for the use of the Attendance Roll Call from the Regular Session to use in the Committee of the Whole was granted.

Representative Lang was appointed Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

Representative Currie moved that the Committee of the Whole rise.
The motion prevailed.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES

At the hour of 5:53 o'clock p.m., Representative Lang reconvened the House in Regular Session.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 606, 607, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 618, 619, 620, 621 and 622;
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS 86 and 87 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

At the hour of 5:55 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

And in accordance therewith and pursuant to HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 85, the House stood adjourned until Wednesday, July 1, 2015, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-NINTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

June 30, 2015

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

110 PRESENT

P Acevedo	A Davis, Monique	P Kay	P Sandack
P Ammons	P Davis, William	P Kifowit	P Scherer
P Andersson	P DeLuca	P Lang	P Sente
P Andrade	P Demmer	P Leitch	P Sims
P Anthony	P Drury	P Lilly	P Smiddy
P Arroyo(ADDED)	P Dunkin	P Manley	P Sommer
E Batinick	P Durkin	P Martwick	P Sosnowski
P Beiser	P Evans	P Mautino	P Soto
P Bellock	P Feigenholtz	P Mayfield	P Stewart
P Bennett	P Fine	P McAsey	P Sullivan
P Bourne	P Flowers	P McAuliffe	P Tabares
P Bradley	P Ford	P McDermed	P Thapedi
P Brady	P Fortner	P McSweeney	P Tryon
P Breen	P Franks	P Meier	P Turner
P Brown	P Frese	P Mitchell, Bill	P Unes
P Bryant	P Gabel	P Mitchell, Christian	P Verschoore
P Burke, Daniel	P Golar(ADDED)	P Moeller	P Wallace
P Burke, Kelly	P Gordon-Booth	P Moffitt	P Walsh
P Butler	P Guzzardi	P Morrison	P Wehrli
P Cabello	P Hammond	P Moylan	P Welch
P Cassidy	P Harris, David	P Mussman	E Wheeler, Barbara
P Cavaletto	P Harris, Greg	P Nekritz	P Wheeler, Keith
P Chapa LaVia	E Hays	P Phelps	P Williams
A Cloonen	P Hernandez	E Phillips	P Willis
P Conroy	P Hoffman	P Poe	P Winger
P Costello	P Hurley	P Pritchard	P Yingling
P Crespo	P Ives	P Reaves-Harris	P Zalewski
P Currie	P Jackson	P Reis	P Mr. Speaker
A D'Amico	E Jesiel	P Riley	
P	P Jones	P Rita	
Davidsmeyer(ADDED)			

E - Denotes Excused Absence

68TH LEGISLATIVE DAY

Perfunctory Session

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015

At the hour of 6:09 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Greg Harris replaced Representative Lang in the Committee on Rules on June 30, 2015.

Representative Nekritz replaced Representative Lang in the Committee on Rules (A) on June 30, 2015.

Representative Sandack replaced Representative Leitch in the Committee on Rules (A) on June 30, 2015.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on June 30, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

Personnel and Pensions: Motion to concur SENATE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 3484.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measure is as follows:

3, Yeas; 1, Nay; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson	N Sullivan(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Harris, G.(D) (replacing Lang)	A Leitch(R)
Y Mautino(D)	

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules (A) to which the following were referred, action taken on June 30, 2015, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:

That the Floor Amendment be reported "recommends be adopted":
Amendments Numbered 1 and 2 to HOUSE BILL 693.
Amendment No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 4190.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:

3, Yeas; 1, Nay; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson	A Sullivan(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Nekritz(D) (replacing Lang)	N Sandack(R) (replacing Leitch)
Y Mautino(D)	

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 4231. Introduced by Representative Brown, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4232. Introduced by Representatives Reis - Unes - Cavaletto - Bryant - Mitchell, Bill, Bellock, Brown, Moffitt and Poe, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4233. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4234. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4235. Introduced by Representatives Mitchell, Bill - Bryant - Butler - Bourne - Davidsmeyer, Cavaletto, Hammond, Poe, Bennett, Brown, Reis, Anthony and Demmer, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4236. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 4237. Introduced by Representative Cabello, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4238. Introduced by Representative Cabello, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4239. Introduced by Representative Cabello, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4240. Introduced by Representatives Flowers - Ford, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4241. Introduced by Representative Conroy, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4242. Introduced by Representative Anthony, AN ACT concerning courts.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE - Secretary of State

To the Honorable Speaker of the House:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed House Bills from the 99th General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor together with his objections.

House Bills

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Respectfully,

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s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

June 25, 2015

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
99th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 4146 from the 99th General Assembly in order to protect Illinois taxpayers from an unbalanced and therefore unconstitutional budget.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate have admitted that the General Assembly's budget is unbalanced. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget concurs, calculating that this budget is nearly \$4 billion out of balance.

For too long, the State of Illinois has made spending promises that exceed available revenues, relied on accounting gimmicks to make budgets appear balanced, used borrowing and cost deferral strategies to push costs into the future, and delayed payments to vendors.

This has generated significant backlogs of unpaid bills and a crushing debt burden of well over \$100 billion. Because of past fiscal mismanagement, Illinois is experiencing the worst fiscal crisis in America, highlighted by Illinois being assigned the worst credit rating of any state.

The State of Illinois will be forced to pay more than \$6 billion in debt payments in Fiscal Year 2016 due to years of fiscal neglect and overspending. A balanced budget is the only way to responsibly protect taxpayers and put the State on a path to once again using its resources for important public services rather than interest and debt service.

A balanced budget is not just good practice, it is a constitutional requirement: "Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year." ILL. CONST. art. VIII, § 2(b). Although the General Assembly has chosen to disregard its constitutional obligation, as Governor I cannot approve a budget that violates this fundamental principle.

We must be partners in enacting a balanced budget that meets critical public needs within the resources available. The surest way to do that is by enacting structural reforms inside government and economic reforms that stimulate our economy and bring new jobs to Illinois.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4146, entitled "AN ACT making appropriations", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

s/Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2015

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
99th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 4147 from the 99th General Assembly in order to protect Illinois taxpayers from an unbalanced and therefore unconstitutional budget.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate have admitted that the General Assembly's budget is unbalanced. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget concurs, calculating that this budget is nearly \$4 billion out of balance.

For too long, the State of Illinois has made spending promises that exceed available revenues, relied on accounting gimmicks to make budgets appear balanced, used borrowing and cost deferral strategies to push costs into the future, and delayed payments to vendors.

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We must be partners in enacting a balanced budget that meets critical public needs within the resources available. The surest way to do that is by enacting structural reforms inside government and economic reforms that stimulate our economy and bring new jobs to Illinois.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4147, entitled "AN ACT making appropriations", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

s/Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2015

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
99th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 4148 from the 99th General Assembly in order to protect Illinois taxpayers from an unbalanced and therefore unconstitutional budget.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate have admitted that the General Assembly's budget is unbalanced. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget concurs, calculating that this budget is nearly \$4 billion out of balance.

For too long, the State of Illinois has made spending promises that exceed available revenues, relied on accounting gimmicks to make budgets appear balanced, used borrowing and cost deferral strategies to push costs into the future, and delayed payments to vendors.

This has generated significant backlogs of unpaid bills and a crushing debt burden of well over \$100 billion. Because of past fiscal mismanagement, Illinois is experiencing the worst fiscal crisis in America, highlighted by Illinois being assigned the worst credit rating of any state.

The State of Illinois will be forced to pay more than \$6 billion in debt payments in Fiscal Year 2016 due to years of fiscal neglect and overspending. A balanced budget is the only way to responsibly protect taxpayers and put the State on a path to once again using its resources for important public services rather than interest and debt service.

A balanced budget is not just good practice, it is a constitutional requirement: "Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year." ILL. CONST. art. VIII, § 2(b). Although the General Assembly has chosen to disregard its constitutional obligation, as Governor I cannot approve a budget that violates this fundamental principle.

We must be partners in enacting a balanced budget that meets critical public needs within the resources available. The surest way to do that is by enacting structural reforms inside government and economic reforms that stimulate our economy and bring new jobs to Illinois.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4148, entitled "AN ACT making appropriations", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

s/Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2015

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
99th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 4151 from the 99th General Assembly in order to protect Illinois taxpayers from an unbalanced and therefore unconstitutional budget.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate have admitted that the General Assembly's budget is unbalanced. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget concurs, calculating that this budget is nearly \$4 billion out of balance.

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Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4151, entitled “AN ACT making appropriations”, with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

s/Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2015

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
99th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 4153 from the 99th General Assembly in order to protect Illinois taxpayers from an unbalanced and therefore unconstitutional budget.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate have admitted that the General Assembly’s budget is unbalanced. The Governor’s Office of Management and Budget concurs, calculating that this budget is nearly \$4 billion out of balance.

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Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4153, entitled "AN ACT making appropriations", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

s/Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2015

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
99th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 4154 from the 99th General Assembly in order to protect Illinois taxpayers from an unbalanced and therefore unconstitutional budget.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate have admitted that the General Assembly's budget is unbalanced. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget concurs, calculating that this budget is nearly \$4 billion out of balance.

For too long, the State of Illinois has made spending promises that exceed available revenues, relied on accounting gimmicks to make budgets appear balanced, used borrowing and cost deferral strategies to push costs into the future, and delayed payments to vendors.

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Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4154, entitled "AN ACT making appropriations", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

s/Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2015

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
99th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 4158 from the 99th General Assembly in order to protect Illinois taxpayers from an unbalanced and therefore unconstitutional budget.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate have admitted that the General Assembly's budget is unbalanced. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget concurs, calculating that this budget is nearly \$4 billion out of balance.

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We must be partners in enacting a balanced budget that meets critical public needs within the resources available. The surest way to do that is by enacting structural reforms inside government and economic reforms that stimulate our economy and bring new jobs to Illinois.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4158, entitled "AN ACT making appropriations", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

s/Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2015

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
99th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 4159 from the 99th General Assembly in order to protect Illinois taxpayers from an unbalanced and therefore unconstitutional budget.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate have admitted that the General Assembly's budget is unbalanced. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget concurs, calculating that this budget is nearly \$4 billion out of balance.

For too long, the State of Illinois has made spending promises that exceed available revenues, relied on accounting gimmicks to make budgets appear balanced, used borrowing and cost deferral strategies to push costs into the future, and delayed payments to vendors.

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We must be partners in enacting a balanced budget that meets critical public needs within the resources available. The surest way to do that is by enacting structural reforms inside government and economic reforms that stimulate our economy and bring new jobs to Illinois.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4159, entitled "AN ACT making appropriations", with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

s/Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2015

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
99th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 4160 from the 99th General Assembly in order to protect Illinois taxpayers from an unbalanced and therefore unconstitutional budget.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate have admitted that the General Assembly's budget is unbalanced. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget concurs, calculating that this budget is nearly \$4 billion out of balance.

For too long, the State of Illinois has made spending promises that exceed available revenues, relied on accounting gimmicks to make budgets appear balanced, used borrowing and cost deferral strategies to push costs into the future, and delayed payments to vendors.

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We must be partners in enacting a balanced budget that meets critical public needs within the resources available. The surest way to do that is by enacting structural reforms inside government and economic reforms that stimulate our economy and bring new jobs to Illinois.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4160, entitled “AN ACT making appropriations”, with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

s/Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

June 25, 2015

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
99th General Assembly:

Today I veto House Bill 4165 from the 99th General Assembly in order to protect Illinois taxpayers from an unbalanced and therefore unconstitutional budget.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate have admitted that the General Assembly’s budget is unbalanced. The Governor’s Office of Management and Budget concurs, calculating that this budget is nearly \$4 billion out of balance.

For too long, the State of Illinois has made spending promises that exceed available revenues, relied on accounting gimmicks to make budgets appear balanced, used borrowing and cost deferral strategies to push costs into the future, and delayed payments to vendors.

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We must be partners in enacting a balanced budget that meets critical public needs within the resources available. The surest way to do that is by enacting structural reforms inside government and economic reforms that stimulate our economy and bring new jobs to Illinois.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(b) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 4165, entitled “AN ACT making appropriations”, with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

s/Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE - Secretary of State

To the Honorable Speaker of the House:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed House Bill from the 99th General Assembly that has been vetoed in part (Line Item Veto) by the Governor.

<u>HOUSE BILL</u> 4166	<u>PUBLIC ACT</u> 99-7
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Respectfully,

s/Jesse White
Secretary of State.

June 30, 2015

To the Honorable Members of
The Illinois House of Representatives,
99th General Assembly:

Today I approve House Bill 4166 from the 99th General Assembly, which re-appropriates funds for previously approved road construction and other capital projects, except for certain vetoed items identified below.

Continued investment in our public infrastructure is critical to economic development. We must maintain the infrastructure that has made Illinois a major transportation hub for the world economy. This bill enhances mobility, helps to maintain our State’s competitive advantage, and supports construction and permanent jobs across Illinois.

Our taxpayer dollars, however, could go further. We need truly competitive bidding to maximize the value of our resources, particularly during this time of fiscal crisis. State laws like the Prevailing Wage Act and the Project Labor Agreements Act are barriers to entry and inflate construction prices. We need to reform the way we spend taxpayer dollars in order to deliver the most value to our residents and businesses.

We must also ensure that our limited taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, and that we prioritize funds for critical deferred maintenance. In light of the General Assembly's unbalanced budget and the need for additional savings, I am vetoing earmarks, including Capitol building renovations, in order to make those funds available for other priorities.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 9(d) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto and return the following items of appropriations in House Bill 4166, entitled "AN ACT making appropriations":

Article	Section	Page(s) and Line(s)	Amount Vetoed
1	5	Page 1, Lines 16-20, and Page 2, Lines 1-6	\$ 3,883
1	10	Page 2, Lines 7-17	\$ 548,180
1	15	Page 2, Lines 18-23, and Page 3, Lines 1-2	\$ 31,908,920
1	20	Page 3, Lines 3-20	\$ 10,039,890
1	25	Page 3, Lines 21-23, and Page 4, Lines 1-21	\$ 8,557,753
2	5	Page 5, Lines 2-10	\$ 9,628,778
2	25	Page 5, Lines 11-19	\$ 1,125,000
3	5	Page 6, Lines 7-13	\$ 750,000
5	50	Page 15, Lines 14-20	\$ 5,000,000
5	55	Page 15, Lines 21-23, and Page 16, Line 1	\$ 700,000
12	5	Page 73, Lines 14-20, and Page 74, Line 1	\$ 157,045

Except for those items of appropriations that are vetoed above, I approve all other items of appropriations in House Bill 4166.

Sincerely,

s/Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 608

Offered by Representative Ford:

WHEREAS, Dr. Webb Evans founded the United American Progress Association in 1961; Dr. Evans believed in and worked on the creation of economic prosperity for the black community throughout the world through churches and political and business leaders in accordance with the second phase of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision, changing the struggle from Civil Rights to Economic and Political Empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans' foundation created numerous ways to improve economic conditions for black Americans by preparing them to enter into the business world with the knowledge on how to redirect their savings and spending power globally and throughout the black communities; these black-owned businesses would, in turn, create more jobs for blacks; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Evans also depended on other sources, such as black-owned press outlets, churches, and businesses, to get his message across to "Buy Black"; Dr. Evans believed that black dollars matter and that the black community must march with their dollars in order to accomplish what was not accomplished with the other previous marches across the globe; and

WHEREAS, The Neilson Report shows that the buying power of African Americans will reach \$1.1 trillion by 2015; if black consumers spend 10% more of their income in black businesses, the resulting revenue would generate 1 million jobs; in 2007, on the south side of Chicago, residents in predominately black neighborhoods spent a collective of \$3.8 billion outside of their own South Side communities; and

WHEREAS, Many trailblazers and influential leaders have stood for economic, social equality, and independence for African Americans throughout the world and have labored, fought for, and understood how it was, including Marcus Garvey, who fought for the collective economic interest of African Americans and created the Universal Improvement Association in 1914; A. Philip Randolph, founder and co-editor of The Messenger, an African American socialist magazine, renowned black labor union organizer and civil rights worker, and principal organizer and author of the March on Washington, where Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his historical "I Have A Dream" speech; W.E.B. Dubois, leader of the Niagara Movement, a group of African-American activists who wanted equal rights for blacks; and Malcolm X, one of the most pivotal figures in civil rights history; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the month of August in 2015 as Buy Black, Love Black, and Give Black in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge all citizens of this State to help build a solid economic foundation that would allow African Americans to shape their own destinies and maximize their economic interests through various means, including opening an account at a local black bank, supporting historically black colleges and universities, eating at black owned restaurants, hiring black real estate brokers, visiting black doctors and dentists for health care, getting building and other quotes from black contractors, visiting African-American museums and libraries, watching or renting black-produced films, subscribing to black newspapers, magazines, and websites, using black caterers and event planners, visiting black retailers, investing with a black-managed, publicly-traded firm, contributing to a black political candidate, visiting a black cultural event, and participating in Buy Black Wednesday by spending money with a black business every Wednesday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 609

Offered by Representative Evans:

WHEREAS, Resolutions express consensus of criticism or support on social issues, legal rights, court opinions, and even decisions by the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, The students of the Chicago Vocational Career Academy in Chicago have expressed their opinions on various measures that should be undertaken by the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Vocational Career Academy's Class of 2015 has expressed their belief that the State should guarantee free tuition at Illinois public universities for all students with a 3.0 GPA and a minimum score of 19 on the ACT; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Vocational Career Academy's Class of 2016 has expressed their belief that the State should provide bus pick-up service for all residents in centralized areas; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Vocational Career Academy's Class of 2017 has expressed their belief that the State should require members of a community who are age 16 or older to be hired first when businesses open in their communities; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Vocational Career Academy's Class of 2018 has expressed their belief that the State should provide bus passes for all students to get to and from school during school hours; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Governor and the members of the General Assembly to take the aforementioned suggestions into consideration and to pass legislation that would address these concerns; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Chicago Vocational Career Academy as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 617

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, Most of the City of Chicago is divided economically into rich or poor; economic segregation concentrates not only the poor, but also the wealthy; the growth of concentrated poverty on the City's South and West sides and the decline of Chicago's middle class means that other areas must, in contrast, have concentrated wealth; and

WHEREAS, When poverty rates and segregation are high in metropolitan areas, those regions perform worse economically relative to less segregated areas; regions segregated by race as well as skills have slower rates of income growth and property value appreciation; and

WHEREAS, Chicago ranks third on the list of cities with isolated wealth, behind Boston and Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Planning Council has been working on a range of efforts to spur healthy, mixed-income communities; for a decade, they have been working with 9 regional housing authorities through the Regional Housing Initiative to provide subsidies for affordable housing in low-poverty communities near transit; recent changes to the Chicago's Affordable Requirements Ordinance will result in more affordable housing in market-rate buildings in high-income communities; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Housing Authority is increasingly partnering with developers in profitable real estate markets to place public housing units in North Side neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Chicago TREND is embarking on an ambitious strategy to bring retail to underserved communities, thus better serving existing residents and increasing the likelihood of attracting new services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the City of Chicago to continue to utilize all resources available to it to decrease the economic segregation that plagues the City and to create a strong middle class; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chicago will no longer be a city divided, but a city connected; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

At the hour of 6:12 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.