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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and its operating units are  
3 currently experiencing a fiscal situation that is demanding the  
4 close attention of the people; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and its operating units are  
6 constantly incurring millions of dollars of expenses every day  
7 just to continue to operate, with much of these operating  
8 expense being piled up into what is now a backlog of more than  
9 \$14 billion in unpaid State bills; and

10 WHEREAS, One element of these overall operating costs, and  
11 of the State's unpaid bill backlog, are the moneys paid by the  
12 State and its taxpayers to rent or lease parcels of real  
13 property; and

14 WHEREAS, Serious questions have arisen as to the  
15 interrelationship between of some of the lease agreements  
16 entered into by the State in recent months, the actual market  
17 values of the properties being leased, the lease payments that  
18 would be paid if these properties were leased in an arms-length  
19 transaction between independent parties, and the overall  
20 fiscal situation of the State; and

21 WHEREAS, The Legislative Audit Commission is currently

1 supervising an audit being performed by the Auditor General of  
2 the Department of Human Services; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE  
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we call upon the State of Illinois and  
6 its operating units, including, but not limited to, the  
7 Department of Central Management Services, to immediately  
8 suspend the drafting, negotiation, perfection, and signing of  
9 any lease on any parcel of real property, and that this  
10 suspension is to continue until the conclusion of the audit of  
11 the Department of Human Services currently being conducted  
12 under the supervision of the Legislative Audit Commission; and  
13 be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the conclusion of this audit shall not be  
15 deemed to have taken place until the Legislative Audit  
16 Commission has reported on the findings of this audit to the  
17 General Assembly, and the General Assembly has been accorded  
18 adequate time on its legislative calendar to take any actions  
19 that may be reasonably deemed necessary or desirable to  
20 implement any recommendations made by the audit and to remedy  
21 any problems or dysfunctions uncovered by the audit; and be it  
22 further

23       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution shall be

1 presented to Governor Bruce Rauner, Michael Hoffman, the Acting  
2 Director of Central Management Services, and Jane Stricklin,  
3 the Executive Director of the Legislative Audit Commission.