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The House met pursuant to adjournment.
Representative Davis in the chair.
Prayer by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper.
Representative Halpin 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: 110 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Ammons, D'Amico, Gabel, Grant, Skillicorn and Unes were excused from attendance.

The membership of the House was temporarily reduced to 117 as a result of the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Chapa LaVia.

REPORTS

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

2018 Annual Report - Partnering with the Fire Services to Protect Illinois, submitted by the Illinois State Fire Marshal on February 28, 2019


Child Care Flex Schedule Report, submitted by the Illinois State Fire Marshal on February 28, 2019

2018 Educational Mandates Report, submitted by the Illinois State Board of Education on February 28, 2019

Public act 87-552, submitted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on February 28, 2019

Public Act 87-552 Reporting, submitted by the Illinois Department of Revenue on February 28, 2019

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Hurley replaced Representative Moylan in the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on February 26, 2019.

Representative Davis replaced Representative Willis in the Committee on Cities & Villages on February 26, 2019.

Representative Hoffman replaced Representative Gabel in the Committee on Insurance on February 26, 2019.

Representative Batinick replaced Representative Windhorst in the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal on February 26, 2019.

Representative Willis replaced Representative Hoffman in the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal on February 26, 2019.

Representative Welch replaced Representative Zalewski in the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal on February 26, 2019.
Representative Martwick replaced Representative Evans in the Committee on Executive on February 27, 2019.

Representative Guzzardi replaced Representative D'Amico in the Committee on Labor & Commerce on February 27, 2019.

Representative Robinson replaced Representative Gordon-Booth in the Committee on Economic Opportunity & Equity on February 27, 2019.

Representative Jones replaced Representative Bristow in the Committee on Economic Opportunity & Equity on February 27, 2019.

Representative Gong-Gershowitz replaced Representative Guzzardi in the Committee on Economic Opportunity & Equity on February 27, 2019.

Representative Morgan replaced Representative Davis in the Committee on Appropriations-Public Safety on February 27, 2019.

Representative Thapedi replaced Representative Rita in the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT on February 28, 2019.

Representative Evans replaced Representative Ford in the Committee on Personnel & Pensions on February 28, 2019.

Representative Andrade replaced Representative Ammons in the Committee on Personnel & Pensions on February 28, 2019.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Moylan, Chairperson, from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges to which the following were referred, action taken on February 26, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 2182.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 2182 is as follows:
10, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Moylan(D), Chairperson
A D'Amico(D), Vice-Chairperson
A McDermed(R), Republican Spokesperson
Y Cabello(R)
Y Connor(D)
Y Costa Howard(D)
A Evans(D)
Y Manley(D)
Y McCombie(R)
Y Parkhurst(R)
Y Scherer(D)
Y Weber(R)
Y Yingling(D)

Representative Kifowit, Chairperson, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to which the following were referred, action taken on February 26, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 2293.

That the resolutions be reported “recommends be adopted” and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15 and HOUSE RESOLUTION 60.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 2293 and House Joint Resolution 15 is as follows:
11, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.
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The committee roll call vote on House Resolution 60 is as follows:

10, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

The committee roll call vote on House Bills 2073, 2081, 2103, 2129 and 2141 is as follows:

12, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 1639 is as follows:

18, Yeas; 1, Nay; 0, Answering Present.
The committee roll call vote on House Bill 2173 is as follows:
20, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Jones(D), Chairperson  
Y Brady(R), Republican Spokesperson  
Y Bryant(R)  
Y Conroy(D)  
A Feigenholz(D)  
Y Hammond(R)  
Y Meyers-Martin(D)  
Y Morgan(D)  
Y Robinson(D)  
Y Sommer(R)  
Y Walker(D)  
A Zalewski(D)

Y DeLuca(D), Vice-Chairperson  
Y Batinick(R)  
Y Carroll(D)  
Y Davidsmeyer(R)  
Y Hoffman(D) (replacing Gabel)  
Y Lilly(D)  
Y Moeller(D)  
Y Morrison(R)  
A Skillicorn(R)  
Y Welch(D)  
Y Zalewski(D)

Representative Slaughter, Chairperson, from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal to which the following were referred, action taken on February 26, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 1583, 1613 and 1656.

The committee roll call vote on House Bills 1583 and 1656 is as follows:
16, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Slaughter(D), Chairperson  
Y Bryant(R), Republican Spokesperson  
Y Cabello(R)  
A Guzzardi(D)  
Y Willis(D) (replacing Hoffman)  
Y McDermed(R)  
A Ramirez(D)  
Y Turner(D)  
Y Wilhour(R)  
A Zalewski(D)

Y Cassidy(D), Vice-Chairperson  
Y Buckner(D)  
Y Connor(D)  
Y Halpin(D)  
Y McCombie(R)  
Y Parkhurst(R)  
Y Stava-Murray(D)  
Y West(D)  
Y Batinick(R) (replacing Windhorst)

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 1613 is as follows:
12, Yeas; 5, Nays; 1, Answering Present.

Y Slaughter(D), Chairperson  
Y Bryant(R), Republican Spokesperson  
N Cabello(R)  
Y Guzzardi(D)  
Y Willis(D) (replacing Hoffman)  
N McDermed(R)  
A Ramirez(D)  
Y Turner(D)  
N Wilhour(R)  
Y Welch(D) (replacing Zalewski)

Y Cassidy(D), Vice-Chairperson  
Y Buckner(D)  
Y Connor(D)  
Y Halpin(D)  
Y McCombie(R)  
N Parkhurst(R)  
Y Stava-Murray(D)  
Y West(D)  
P Batinick(R) (replacing Windhorst)

Representative Welch, Chairperson, from the Committee on Executive to which the following were referred, action taken on February 27, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 2089.
The committee roll call vote on House Bill 2089 is as follows:  
9, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Welch(D), Chairperson  
Y Wheeler(R), Republican Spokesperson  
Y Butler(R)  
A Gordon-Booth(D)  
Y Spain(R)  
Y Wehrli(R)

Representative Mussman, Chairperson, from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies to which the following were referred, action taken on February 27, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:  
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 1559 and 2177.

The committee roll call vote on House Bills 1559 and 2177 is as follows:  
20, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Mussman(D), Chairperson  
Y Bourne(R), Republican Spokesperson  
Y Conroy(D)  
Y Edly-Allen(D)  
Y Harper(D)  
Y Mason(D)  
Y Meier(R)  
Y Reick(R)  
Y Stava-Murray(D)  
Y Swanson(R)  
Y Willis(D)

Representative Thapedi, Chairperson, from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil to which the following were referred, action taken on February 27, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:  
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 1471.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 1471 is as follows:  
12, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Thapedi(D), Chairperson  
Y McDermed(R), Republican Spokesperson  
Y Costa Howard(D)  
Y Gong-Gershowitz(D)  
A Jones(D)  
Y Mazzochi(R)  
Y Tarver(D)

Representative Hurley, Chairperson, from the Committee on Human Services to which the following were referred, action taken on February 27, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:  
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 178 and 2222.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 178 is as follows:  
14, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.
The committee roll call vote on House Bill 2222 is as follows:
12, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Representative Harper, Chairperson, from the Committee on Economic Opportunity & Equity to which the following were referred, action taken on February 27, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 1554.
That the bill be reported “do pass as amended” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 905.
That the resolution be reported “recommends be adopted” and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE RESOLUTION 56.

The committee roll call vote on House Bills 905 and 1554 is as follows:
15, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

The committee roll call vote on House Resolution 56 is as follows:
15, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.
Representative Cassidy, Chairperson, from the Committee on Appropriations-Public Safety to which the following were referred, action taken on February 27, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading—Short Debate:
HOUSE BILL 2028.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 2028 is as follows:
15, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Representative Evans, Chairperson, from the Committee on Labor & Commerce to which the following were referred, action taken on February 27, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading—Short Debate:
HOUSE BILL 253.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 253 is as follows:
17, Yeas; 10, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Representative Scherer, Chairperson, from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School to which the following were referred, action taken on February 27, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading—Short Debate:
HOUSE BILLS 190 and 2100.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 190 is as follows:
8, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.
The committee roll call vote on House Bill 2100 is as follows:
5, Yeas;  3, Nays;  0, Answering Present.

Y  Scherer(D), Chairperson          Y  Crespo(D), Vice-Chairperson
N  Morrison(R), Republican Spokesperson  N  Bailey(R)
Y  Burke(D)                        Y  Kalish(D)
Y  Ramirez(D)                      N  Sosnowski(R)

Representative  Kifowit, Chairperson, from the Committee on State Government Administration to which the following were referred, action taken on February 27, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of  Second Reading— Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 837, 2074, 2086, 2124, 2238, 2252 and 2266.

That the resolution be reported “recommends be adopted” and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16.

The committee roll call vote on House Bills 837, 2074, 2086, 2124, 2238, 2252 and 2266; House Joint Resolution 16 is as follows:
11, Yeas;  0, Nays;  0, Answering Present.

Y  Kifowit(D), Chairperson          Y  Slaughter(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y  Halbrook(R), Republican Spokesperson  Y  Costa Howard(D)
Y  Didech(D)                       Y  Edly-Allen(D)
Y  Keicher(R)                      Y  Morgan(D)
Y  Murphy(R)                       Y  Welter(R)
Y  Willis(D)

Representative Andrade, Chairperson, from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT to which the following were referred, action taken on February 28, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the resolution be reported “recommends be adopted” and be placed on the House Calendar: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1.

The committee roll call vote on House Joint Resolution 1 is as follows:
12, Yeas;  0, Nays;  0, Answering Present.

Y  Andrade(D), Chairperson          Y  Connor(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y  Wheeler(R), Republican Spokesperson  Y  DeLuca(D)
Y  Demmer(R)                       Y  Hammond(R)
Y  McAuliffe(R)                    Y  McCombie(R)
Y  Ortiz(D)                        Y  Pappas(D)
Y  Thapedi(D)(replacing Rita)      A  Skillicorn(R)
Y  Stava-Murray(D)                A  Turner(D)
A  Williams(D)

Representative Martwick, Chairperson, from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions to which the following were referred, action taken on February 28, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of  Second Reading— Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 303, 2029 and 2071.

The committee roll call vote on House Bills 303 and 2029 is as follows:
10, Yeas;  0, Nays;  0, Answering Present.

Y  Martwick(D), Chairperson          Y  Zalewski(D), Vice-Chairperson
The committee roll call vote on House Bill 2071 is as follows:
6, Yeas; 4, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Representative Conroy, Chairperson, from the Committee on Mental Health to which the following were referred, action taken on February 28, 2019, reported the same back with the following recommendations:
That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading—Short Debate:
HOUSE BILL 2152.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 2152 is as follows:
19, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

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

MOTION
Pursuant to Rule 60(b), I move to table HOUSE BILL 2819.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 153

Offered by Representative Durkin:

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is the 6th most populous state in the country; it is home to world-class cities, enriched communities, and renowned tourist destinations and is a leader in many areas, including transportation, technology, finance, manufacturing, agriculture, and, most importantly, access to an unrivaled labor force; and

WHEREAS, There are many positive aspects of this State that should be applauded and highlighted, but, unfortunately, we find ourselves at a true crossroads; decades of fiscal irresponsibility and political
malfeasance have resulted in an undesirable state of affairs that has plagued and will continue to loom over the Land of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has to move towards a future that seeks and expects to be competitive in all sectors; that is what every State across America is doing in order to embolden their residents and, furthermore, keep and attract the best and brightest employees and employers; and

WHEREAS, With this reality in mind, Illinois lawmakers, now more than ever, must act in order to ensure that the best days for Illinoisans are ahead of us; the time of kicking the proverbial can down the road is over, and the time of inaction has passed and is no longer a convenient option; Illinois must unequivocally reinforce the notion not only to every resident but to any person that may wish to come to the Prairie State that Illinois is truly forward-looking; and

WHEREAS, Currently, there is no greater threat to Illinoisans than that of continuing down our current trajectory; through years of laxity, unchecked spending, and ever-growing means of over-taxation, Illinois residents are being subjected to incredible pressures to leave their homes and relocate elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Illinois has among some of the highest tax burdens of any state not only in the Midwest but in the country; Illinois has one of the highest average property tax burdens in the United States; Illinois residents are charged one of the highest average combined State and local sales taxes; if this were not enough, Illinois has estate, corporate franchise, and numerous other State and local taxes that make taxpayers reasonably question what Springfield is doing right; and

WHEREAS, To continue on this senseless path of overburdening, debilitating propositions of increased taxation and reckless spending is simply unconscionable, a path which now appears to include a new unfair tax on Illinois taxpayers; proponents of a graduated income tax offer that this is a "fair" treatment of taxpayers, yet this is far from the truth; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that states with graduated income taxes impose an increased burden on the middle-class; instead of creating fairness, this venture squeezes the tax base; and

WHEREAS, A graduated income tax in Illinois would only create added burdens and dissuade economic prosperity, two unintended consequences that proponents of enacting such a tax system fail to mention; and

WHEREAS, National organizations, such as the Hoover Institution, have outlined the gross inadequacies of the graduated income tax system; while it may appear to provide equity, the so-called progressive income tax punishes hard-working, middle-class families and small businesses that make up the majority of the tax base; there is nothing fair in making average Illinoisans pay for the shortcomings of a legislature that has created a tax-and-spend paradigm that is unsustainable; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to approximately 1.2 million small businesses, which, in turn, employ 2.5 million persons; small businesses, often structured as pass-through entities, will inevitably be further targets of this so-called progressive tax, becoming yet another group that proponents have failed to consider in their purported call for fairness; for these small businesses and the millions of workers they employ, there can be no greater disincentive to continue operating in Illinois than enacting yet another anti-business measure; and

WHEREAS, During the 2018 campaign cycle, blanket, unsubstantiated promises were made to Illinoisans across this State; assurances were offered from ardent proponents that this so-called progressive move would lead to tax savings, without once providing substantive proposals; however, the campaign speeches are over; and

WHEREAS, It is not enough to propose living in a make-believe reality where promises can be made to spend the peoples' money with no consideration given to the very real consequences that will inevitably come back to haunt us; the unbridled desire for revenue has, without fail, forced Illinoisans across the State to pay for the reckless spending plans of those in power; and

WHEREAS, We must vociferously fight against tax-and-spend policies of the past; this General Assembly presents an opportunity to work collaboratively and on a bipartisan basis to (i) balance the budget, (ii) make sure government services are efficient and effective, and (iii) prevent any new and unnecessary taxes; and

WHEREAS, A move by the General Assembly to amend the constitution to impose a graduated income tax would mean turning our backs on the residents of this State and the spirit of bipartisanship; and

WHEREAS, Today, it is an almost preconceived maxim in Illinois that the need for new revenue and the wanton lack of checks on spending will always result in higher and new taxes for everyone; the time has come to end this unfortunate and vicious cycle; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we stand united in opposition to any measure that would allow the creation of a graduated income tax on Illinois residents; and be it further
RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to each member of the Illinois General Assembly and the Office of the Governor as a testament to our unwavering commitment to improving the day-to-day lives of families across this great State.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 154

Offered by Representative Ford:

WHEREAS, In 2016, the law changed and possession of up to 10 grams of marijuana in Illinois became a civil matter rather than a criminal one; and
WHEREAS, This change did not address those who had already been convicted of possession of small amounts of marijuana; and
WHEREAS, To create stronger pathways to employment for all citizens of the State, legislators need to examine the damage over-criminalization has caused, specifically the disproportionate effect on people of color; and
WHEREAS, According to a 2013 report from the American Civil Liberties Union, African-Americans in Illinois are more than 7 times as likely to be arrested for marijuana possession; and
WHEREAS, To help nonviolent offenders rehabilitate and have a better chance of getting a job, expunging low-level convictions of marijuana possession allows people to tell prospective employers that they have a clean criminal record; and
WHEREAS, In addition to the financial benefit of more citizens able to achieve full employment, eliminating the prosecution of pending low level marijuana charges allows for the reallocation of resources and with a focus on serious cases, the safety and security of all residents is improved; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge every State's Attorney in this State to throw out all pending low-level marijuana charges and review low-level marijuana charges that resulted in conviction and incarceration to help offer residents a path to employment and in the process be able to utilize our resources for the benefit of the citizens of the State.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 43

Offered by Representative Scherer:

WHEREAS, The Founders of our country empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and
WHEREAS, The federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and
WHEREAS, The federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and
WHEREAS, The federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and
WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people - particularly for the generations to come - by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the States under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the State of Illinois hereby makes application to Congress under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government and limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government; and be it further
RESOLVED, That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, we join the other states that have called for a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States limited to the purposes stated herein; provided, however, that the delegates from Illinois to said convention are expressly limited to consideration and support of amendments that impose
fiscal restraints on the federal government and limit the federal government's power and jurisdiction; that it is our express intention that this application shall be aggregated with the subsequent applications of other states limited to the purposes identified in this application; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the convention delegates from Illinois are hereby instructed not to support any amendment proposals regarding term limits for federal officials or for members of Congress; and be it further
RESOLVED, That copies of this application be provided to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; and be it further
RESOLVED, That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states have made applications on the same subject.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION 152

Offered by Representative Brady:
Mourns the death of Esaw Peterson.

ACTION ON MOTIONS

The Chair requested leave to use a single vote for the adoption of motions to table for the following legislation: HOUSE BILL 2067, 2183, 2201, 2326, 2742 and 3023.
Leave was granted.
The foregoing motions prevailed and the bills were tabled.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTION 152 was taken up for consideration.
Representative Harris moved the adoption of the agreed resolution.
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolution was adopted.

At the hour of 12:21 o'clock p.m., Representative Harris 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 40, the House stood adjourned until Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.
February 28, 2019

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21ST LEGISLATIVE DAY
Perfunctory Session

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019

At the hour of 12:37 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
FIRST READING

Representative Skillicorn introduced the following:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 30

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article IX of the Illinois Constitution by changing Section 4 as follows:

ARTICLE IX
REVENUE

SECTION 4. REAL PROPERTY TAXATION
(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, taxes upon real property shall be levied uniformly by valuation ascertained as the General Assembly shall provide by law.
(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) and such limitations as the General Assembly may hereafter prescribe by law, counties with a population of more than 200,000 may classify or continue to classify real property for purposes of taxation. Any such classification shall be reasonable and assessments shall be uniform within each class. The level of assessment or rate of tax of the highest class in a county shall not exceed two and one-half times the level of assessment or rate of tax of the lowest class in that county. Real property used in farming in a county shall not be assessed at a higher level of assessment than single family residential real property in that county.
(c) Any depreciation in the value of real estate occasioned by a public easement may be deducted in assessing such property.
(d) The aggregate real property tax rate imposed on a particular property by a county or other taxing district shall not exceed one percent of the fair market value of that property, unless the voters of the taxing district approve an increase above the one percent rate by three-fifths of the registered voters in the taxing district.
(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE
This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 30 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

At the hour of 12:41 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.