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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Some of the most significant acts of substantive legislation enacted during each spring session of each General Assembly are contained in the annual Budget Implementation bill or bills enacted by the legislature in the final weeks of each year's legislative spring session; and

WHEREAS, Historically, and in view of the Constitutional role of the Governor as the Chief Executive of the State, the draft or drafts of the Budget Implementation bills for each fiscal year are prepared by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget; and

WHEREAS, Historically, and in view of the Constitutional role of the General Assembly as the chief lawmaking body of the State, a co-equal branch of State government with the Office of the Governor, the Governor's office has presented the annual Budget Implementation bill or bills to the General Assembly in a manner that allows timely and thoughtful consideration of these bills, and their various elements, by General Assembly members; and

WHEREAS, General Assembly members are responsible, in the eyes of the people of Illinois, for the elements contained in each year's Budget Implementation bills, because they have voted on them and enacted them into law; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Governor to coordinate the unveiling and presentation of his Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Implementation bills, and gubernatorial amendments to these bills, with the leaders of the 4 General Assembly caucuses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the Governor, the Speaker of the

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1 House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate to

cooperate in such a manner as to ensure that the members of

3 each house of the General Assembly are given at least 24 hours

for study and analysis of each gubernatorial Fiscal Year 2005

5 Budget Implementation bill or amendment prior to any vote being

taken on these bills or amendments on the House floor, on the

Senate floor, in House committee, or in Senate committee; and

B be it further

9 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be presented to 10 the Governor of the State of Illinois, Rod Blagojevich, and to 11 the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, John

12 Filan.