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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Commission on Government Forecasting and
3 Accountability is the highly-respected legislative support
4 agency that closely tracks the revenue received by the State of
5 Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The Commission on Government Forecasting and
7 Accountability recently released its monthly briefing for the
8 month ending April 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, In that briefing, the Commission on Government
10 Forecasting and Accountability revised its estimate of the
11 revenue that will be received into the General Revenue Fund for
12 the current Fiscal Year 2014; and

13 WHEREAS, That revised revenue estimate is \$36,661,000,000;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives passed
16 House Resolution 389 on May 31, 2013, establishing an estimated
17 revenue figure for Fiscal Year 2014 of \$35,446,000,000; and

18 WHEREAS, The Fiscal Year 2014 budget that was passed by the
19 General Assembly was built on the \$35,446,000,000 figure; and

1 WHEREAS, The new revenue estimate by the Commission on
2 Government Forecasting and Accountability is \$1,215,000,000
3 higher than the revenue estimate on which the budget was
4 constructed; and

5 WHEREAS, The State is now less than 60 days from the end of
6 its current fiscal year, meaning that the agencies and
7 departments of government have operated on the budget that was
8 enacted in May of 2013; and

9 WHEREAS, It is well known that the State has several
10 billions of dollars in unpaid old bills which it is obligated
11 to pay; and

12 WHEREAS, Using the increase in revenues that are now
13 estimated to flow into the General Revenue Fund for Fiscal Year
14 2014 would allow the State to substantially pay down its
15 backlog of old bills; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we urge the Comptroller to use all revenues in excess of the
19 \$35,446,000,000 on which the Fiscal Year 2014 budget was
20 constructed to pay outstanding old bills that the State is
21 obligated to pay; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That this resolution refers to all General
2 Revenue funds above the \$35,446,000,000 budgeted level that
3 have not heretofore been appropriated in supplemental
4 appropriations; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the Comptroller of the State of Illinois.