

Ode to Abe and not a Junk Rating

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Twass the night before junk status
And all through the House
Not a congressman was blinking
Nothing seemed to arouse

It's the 3rd year our state
has achieved no agreement
Yet nothing seemed to matter,
it's the 4th for adjournment

What will happen on Monday
should be no surprise
We'll wake up to loan sharks
as we foreseen our demise

What's already been affected
will continue to bleed
"Mandatory" funding,
lost by Springfield greed

State colleges, public high schools
accreditation at risk
All because of congressmen's ego,
I say tisk, tisk

Dreams of Powerball, Mega Millions no longer
The citizens of Illinois will depart even stronger
Projects for roads, bridge repairs shelved again
As those left will ponder, that elusive win

Socials services be gone this was not even a stake
When will it end as addiction, hunger must wait

How can my state be in such a free fall
Pension promises, election wins, as term limits be stalled
Madigan's now had the longest run as a speaker
This is what happens with a tenured deal-maker

Off we all go to Indiana, another border
As for me, it's Ohio with the call to order

I hope this lament is a dream that's past
As I awake on Monday to a budget deal--at last!

