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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Senator Martinez, Chicago, Illinois, presiding.
Prayer by Pastor Ed Ingram, Western Oaks Church, Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Maloney led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Friday, February 23, 2007, was being read when on motion of Senator Hunter, further reading of same was dispensed with, and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

REPORTS RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following reports:

2005 Independent Auditor's Report of the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation, submitted by the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation.

2006 Annual Report of the Illinois Labor Relations Board, submitted by the Illinois Labor Relations Board.

Flexible Work Requirement Plan, submitted by the Department of Transportation.

An Evaluation of Illinois' Certificate of Need Program, submitted by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Flexible Work Requirement Plan, submitted by the Illinois State Retirement Systems.

2006 Annual Report of the Office of the Auditor General, submitted by the Office of the Attorney General.

The foregoing reports were ordered received and placed on file in the Secretary's Office.

COMMUNICATION

ILLINOIS STATE SENATE
DON HARMON
SENATOR
39TH DISTRICT

February 23, 2007

The Honorable Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate
Room 403 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62704

Madame Secretary:

Today, I voted in favor of Senate Bill 57, relating to the Illinois Finance Authority (the "IFA"). While I do not believe that my vote raises a conflict of interest, I would ask that the record reflect that the law firm that employs me does from time to time represent the IFA and clients engaged in transactions with the IFA. Please let the record so reflect.

Sincerely,
s/Don Harmon

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LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

The following Committee amendments to the Senate Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Rules:

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 10
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 62
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 100
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 116
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 128
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 201
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 207
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 208
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 208
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 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 435
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 571
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 597
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 641
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1174
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1225
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1448
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1579
 Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1687

The following Floor amendment to the Senate Bill listed below has been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Rules:

Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 50

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 75

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
 Mourns the death of U. S. Army Specialist Ryan C. Garbs of Edwardsville.

SENATE RESOLUTION 76

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
 Mourns the death of Morris B. Chapman of Edwardsville.

SENATE RESOLUTION 77

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
 Mourns the death of Thomas W. Holland of Wood River.

SENATE RESOLUTION 78

Offered by Senator Sandoval and all Senators:
 Mourns the death of U. S. Army Sergeant Pedro J. Colon of Cicero.

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SENATE RESOLUTION 79

Offered by Senator Hunter and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Roosevelt Collins, Jr., of Chicago.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

**OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

EMIL JONES, JR.
SENATE PRESIDENT

327 STATE CAPITOL
Springfield, Illinois 62706

February 28, 2007

Ms. Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate
403 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator Terry Link to replace Senator Louis Viverito as a member of the Rules Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Very truly yours,
s/Emil Jones, Jr.
President

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February 28, 2007

Ms. Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate
403 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-5(c), I hereby appoint Senator Donne Trotter to replace Senator Rickey Hendon as a member of the Rules Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Very truly yours,
s/Emil Jones, Jr.
President

[February 28, 2007]

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley
Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs

February 9, 2007

Mr. President,

The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable
Members of the Senate
Ninety-Fifth General Assembly

I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable body.

s/Rod Blagojevich
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

To be the Director of the Department of Labor for a term commencing January 31, 2007 and ending January 19, 2009:

Catherine Shannon
Salaried

PRISONER REVIEW BOARD

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing January 31, 2007 and ending January 21, 2013:

Jesse Madison
Salaried

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term commencing January 31, 2007 and ending January 21, 2013:

Norman Sula
Salaried

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

To be a member of the Property Tax Appeal Board for a term commencing January 31, 2007 and ending January 21, 2013:

Kevin Freeman
Salaried

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

To be the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term commencing December 15, 2006 and ending January 15, 2007:

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Ladda Tammy Duckworth
Salaried

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ILLINOIS STATE MINING BOARD

To be a member of the Illinois State Mining Board for a term commencing February 20, 2007 and ending January 19, 2009:

Jerry Cross
Salaried

To be a member of the Illinois State Mining Board for a term commencing February 20, 2007 and ending January 19, 2009:

Kenneth Fritzsche
Salaried

To be a member of the Illinois State Mining Board for a term commencing February 20, 2007 and ending January 19, 2009:

Don Orso
Salaried

To be a member of the Illinois State Mining Board for a term commencing February 20, 2007 and ending January 19, 2009:

Don Stewart
Salaried

To be a member of the Illinois State Mining Board for a term commencing February 20, 2007 and ending January 19, 2009:

George Teegarden
Salaried

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To be a member of the Illinois State Mining Board for a term commencing February 20, 2007 and ending January 19, 2009:

David Webb
Salaried

ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

To be a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education for a term commencing February 13, 2007 and ending January 31, 2013:

Carrie J. Hightman
Non-Salaried

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ADVISORY BOARD

To be a member of the Department of Labor Advisory Board for a term commencing February 16, 2007 and ending January 19, 2009:

Joe Ward
Non-Salaried

METROPOLITAN PIER AND EXPOSITION AUTHORITY

To be a member of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority for a term commencing February 13, 2007 and ending June 1, 2011:

Robert A. Novelle, Jr.
Non-Salaried

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To be a member of the Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees for a term commencing February 13, 2007 and ending January 17, 2011:

Grace Dawson
Non-Salaried

Under the rules, the foregoing Messages were referred to the Committee on Executive Appointments.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 1757. Introduced by Senator Schoenberg, a bill for AN ACT concerning appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1758. Introduced by Senator Schoenberg, a bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 1756. Introduced by Senator Halvorson, a bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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READING BILLS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A FIRST TIME

House Bill No. 6, sponsored by Senator Wilhelmi, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 25, sponsored by Senator Viverito, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 250, sponsored by Senator Althoff, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Senator Halvorson, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its February 28, 2007 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Agriculture and Conservation: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 201.**

Environment and Energy: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 376; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1174.**

Human Services: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 335.**

Judiciary Civil Law: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 68; Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 229; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 333; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 486.**

Judiciary Criminal Law: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 97; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 363.**

Local Government: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 270; Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 290.**

Pensions and Investments: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 153.**

Public Health: **Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 10.**

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Crotty, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, announced that the Local Government Committee will meet today in Room 409, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Crotty, Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, announced that the Human Services Committee will meet Thursday, March 1, 2007 in Room 400, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Senator Garrett, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, announced that the Public Health Committee will meet today in Room 400, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Wilhelmi, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary Criminal Law, announced that the Judiciary Criminal Law Committee will meet today in Room 212, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary Civil Law, announced that the Judiciary Civil Law Committee will meet today in Room 212, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

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Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Pensions and Investments, announced that the Pensions and Investments Committee will meet today in Room 400, at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Trotter, Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, announced that the Environment and Energy Committee will meet Thursday, March 1, 2007 in Room 212, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Senator Sullivan, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, announced that the Agriculture and Conservation Committee will meet Thursday, March 1, 2007 in Room 409, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Senator Bond, Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, announced that the Transportation Committee will meet today in Room 400, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

On motion of Senator Halvorson, Senator Meeks was excused from attendance due to business in his district.

INQUIRY OF THE CHAIR

Senator Righter inquired as to whether the Chair could provide some guidelines as to what is considered appropriate for discussion during points of personal privilege.

The Chair stated that historically points of personal privilege have been used by members for introductions and announcements, and not for discussion on legislative matters.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FILED

The following Floor amendments to the Senate Bills listed below have been filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Rules:

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 328
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 424
Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 486
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 505
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1157
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1374
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1578

At the hour of 1:02 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 12:00 o'clock noon.