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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Honorable Emil Jones, Jr., President of the Senate, presiding.
Prayer by Dr. Reginald Mills, Central Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Maloney led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 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.

REPORT RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following report:

Illinois School Leader Task Force Report, February 2008, submitted by the Illinois School Leader Task Force.

Compliance Examination for the Two Years Ended June 30, 2007, on the Office of the Auditor General, submitted by the Legislative Audit Commission.

The foregoing report was ordered received and placed on file in the Secretary's Office.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EMIL JONES, JR.
SENATE PRESIDENT

327 STATE CAPITOL
Springfield, Illinois 62706

February 21, 2008

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Martin Sandoval to resume his position on the Senate Local Government Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,
s/Emil Jones, Jr.
Senate President

cc: Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson

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[February 21, 2008]

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Ira Silverstein to resume his position on the Senate Judiciary-Criminal Law Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,
s/Emil Jones, Jr.
Senate President

cc: Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson

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Ms. Deborah Shipley
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Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Ira Silverstein to resume his position on the Senate Judiciary-Civil Law Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely,
s/Emil Jones, Jr.
Senate President

cc: Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Cullerton and Senator Dillard, Co-Chairpersons of the Committee on Judiciary Civil Law, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 2044**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Senator Crotty, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 1990 and 1992**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

Senator Wilhelmi, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary Criminal Law, to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 2049**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

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Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Pensions and Investments, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 1957 and 1958**, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 2944. Introduced by Senator Watson, 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. 2945. Introduced by Senator Martinez, a bill for AN ACT concerning public services.

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 551

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Kerry R. Sheridan of Shorewood.

SENATE RESOLUTION 552

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Joseph R. Guido.

SENATE RESOLUTION 553

Offered by Senator Hunter and all Senators:

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

Senator Harmon offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 554

WHEREAS, During the 95th General Assembly, the Dog Owners and Homeowner's Insurance Advisory Committee was established pursuant to Senate Resolution 166 to study breed discrimination and homeowner's insurance availability; and

WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee requires further time to complete its work; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Dog Owners and Homeowner's Insurance Advisory Committee is extended; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Advisory Committee shall submit its findings, as established in its authorizing resolution, on or before December 31, 2008; and be it further

RESOLVED, That with this reporting extension, the Advisory Committee shall continue to operate pursuant to its enabling resolution.

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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

February 14, 2008

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 FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

To be a Director of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for a term commencing February 4, 2008 and ending January 19, 2009:

Robert E. Meza
Salaried

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

To be a member of the Illinois Workforce Investment Board for a term commencing February 8, 2008 and ending July 1, 2010:

Tom Ashby
Non-salaried

To be a member of the Illinois Workforce Investment Board for a term commencing February 8, 2008 and ending July 1, 2010:

Rosalind Bruce
Non-salaried

To be a member of the Illinois Workforce Investment Board for a term commencing February 8, 2008 and ending July 1, 2010:

Earl S. Moldovan
Non-salaried

To be a member of the Illinois Workforce Investment Board for a term commencing February 8, 2008 and ending July 1, 2009:

Thomas J. Prinske
Non-salaried

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To be a member of the Illinois Workforce Investment Board for a term commencing February 8, 2008 and ending July 1, 2010:

John D. Rico
Non-salaried

To be a member of the Illinois Workforce Investment Board for a term commencing February 8, 2008 and ending July 1, 2010:

Beverly Diane Williams
Non-salaried

The foregoing Message from the Governor was referred by the Committee on Executive Appointments.

READING BILLS OF THE SENATE A SECOND TIME

On motion of Senator Garrett, **Senate Bill No. 1920**, having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Sullivan, **Senate Bill No. 1927**, having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

At the hour of 11:20 o'clock a.m., Senator Martinez presiding.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ON SECRETARY'S DESK

Senator Maloney moved that **Senate Joint Resolution No. 75**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Maloney moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 75 be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

RESOLUTIONS CONSENT CALENDAR

SENATE RESOLUTION 549

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Kathleen T. Crehan, nee Cavanaugh, of Lemont.

SENATE RESOLUTION 551

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Kerry R. Sheridan of Shorewood.

SENATE RESOLUTION 552

Offered by Senator Harmon and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Joseph R. Guido.

SENATE RESOLUTION 553

Offered by Senator Hunter and all Senators:

Mourns the death of Maggie Peterson.

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The Chair moved the adoption of the Resolutions Consent Calendar. The motion prevailed, and the resolutions were adopted.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Senator Halvorson offered the following Senate Joint Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 85

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, February 21, 2008, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 12:00 o'clock noon; and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Friday, February 22, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Monday, February 25, 2008, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 26, 2008.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof and ask their concurrence therein.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House by

Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to-wit:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Concurred in by the House, February 20, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

At the hour of 11:28 o'clock a.m., pursuant to **Senate Joint Resolution No. 85**, the Chair announced the Senate stand adjourned until Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 12:00 o'clock noon.