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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Honorable Emil Jones, Jr., President of the Senate, presiding.
Prayer by Pastor Barrie West, Holy City Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Maloney led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Tuesday, April 1, 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.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 614

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Alice Elizabeth Ruesch (nee Ames) of Zion.

SENATE RESOLUTION 615

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Cinto Martinez of Waukegan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 616

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Richard Carl Mellen of Lake Forest.

SENATE RESOLUTION 617

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Jody J. (Hineman) Russell of Joliet.

SENATE RESOLUTION 618

Offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mary Agnes (O'Brien) Shepley of Joliet.

SENATE RESOLUTION 619

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Dora Mikoff-Markel of Alton.

SENATE RESOLUTION 620

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Timothy Palen, Sr., of Fosterburg.

SENATE RESOLUTION 621

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Dr. Walter J. Hickey of Alton.

SENATE RESOLUTION 622

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of John Kleinschnittger of Godfrey.

SENATE RESOLUTION 623

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Edward I. Pickus of Libertyville.

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

Senators Frerichs and Raoul offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules:

[April 2, 2008]

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 89
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

SC0089

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 3 of Article IX of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IX
REVENUE

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON INCOME TAXATION

(a) A tax on or measured by income ~~may be at a graduated~~ ~~shall be at a non-graduated~~ rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the rate shall not exceed the average rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.

(b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is imposed.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

MESSAGES 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 passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 842

A bill for AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5115

A bill for AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5585

A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.

Passed the House, April 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 842, 5115 and 5585** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by

Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1054

A bill for AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4573

A bill for AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4642

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A bill for AN ACT concerning schools.
HOUSE BILL NO. 4765
A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5038
A bill for AN ACT concerning education.
Passed the House, April 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 1054, 4573, 4642, 4765 and 5038** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by
Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:
Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4159
A bill for AN ACT concerning safety.
HOUSE BILL NO. 4628
A bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.
HOUSE BILL NO. 4705
A bill for AN ACT concerning education.
HOUSE BILL NO. 4881
A bill for AN ACT concerning finances.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5017
A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5768
A bill for AN ACT concerning land.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5930
A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.
Passed the House, April 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 4159, 4628, 4705, 4881, 5017, 5768 and 5930** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by
Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:
Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4165
A bill for AN ACT concerning State government.
HOUSE BILL NO. 4232
A bill for AN ACT concerning education.
HOUSE BILL NO. 4456
A bill for AN ACT concerning children.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5212
A bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.
HOUSE BILL NO. 5699
A bill for AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.
Passed the House, April 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

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The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 4165, 4232, 4456, 5212 and 5699** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by
Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4179

A bill for AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4251

A bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4391

A bill for AN ACT concerning public health.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4726

A bill for AN ACT concerning government officers and employees.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5109

A bill for AN ACT concerning education.

Passed the House, April 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 4179, 4251, 4391, 4726 and 5109** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by
Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 5193

A bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5505

A bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5572

A bill for AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5648

A bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5655

A bill for AN ACT concerning disabilities.

Passed the House, April 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 5193, 5505, 5572, 5648 and 5655** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by
Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 5494

A bill for AN ACT concerning land.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5614

A bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.

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Passed the House, April 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 5494 and 5614** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

A message from the House by
Mr. Mahoney, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 5717

A bill for AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5776

A bill for AN ACT concerning fairs and exhibitions.

HOUSE BILL NO. 5898

A bill for AN ACT concerning finance.

Passed the House, April 1, 2008.

MARK MAHONEY, Clerk of the House

The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 5717, 5776 and 5898** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

READING BILLS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A FIRST TIME

House Bill No. 1054, sponsored by Senator Forby, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4232, sponsored by Senator Trotter, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4456, sponsored by Senator Steans, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4573, sponsored by Senator Collins, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4628, sponsored by Senator Raoul, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4641, sponsored by Senator Haine, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4705, sponsored by Senator Lightford, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4765, sponsored by Senator Althoff, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 4881, sponsored by Senator Frerichs, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5017, sponsored by Senator Garrett, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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House Bill No. 5038, sponsored by Senator Harmon, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5115, sponsored by Senator Crotty, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5212, sponsored by Senator Clayborne, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5572, sponsored by Senator Link, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5585, sponsored by Senator Syverson, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5655, sponsored by Senator Wilhelmi, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5768, sponsored by Senator Righter, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5776, sponsored by Senator Sullivan, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 5898, sponsored by Senator Demuzio, was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

On motion of Senator Risinger, Senator Cronin was excused from attendance due to district business and Senator Hultgren was excused from attendance today and tomorrow.

READING BILLS OF THE SENATE A THIRD TIME

On motion of Senator Hunter, **Senate Bill No. 2474**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 51; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Forby	Link	Risinger
Bivins	Garrett	Luechtefeld	Rutherford
Bomke	Haine	Maloney	Sandoval
Brady	Halvorson	Martinez	Silverstein
Burzynski	Harmon	Millner	Steans
Clayborne	Hendon	Munoz	Sullivan
Collins	Holmes	Murphy	Syverson
Crotty	Hunter	Noland	Trotter
Cullerton	Jones, J.	Pankau	Viverito
DeLeo	Koehler	Peterson	Watson
Delgado	Kotowski	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Demuzio	Laufen	Raoul	Mr. President
Dillard	Lightford	Righter	

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This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

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

On motion of Senator Forby, **Senate Bill No. 2488**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 56; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Forby	Link	Rutherford
Bivins	Frerichs	Luechtefeld	Sandoval
Bomke	Garrett	Maloney	Silverstein
Bond	Haine	Martinez	Steans
Brady	Halvorson	Meeks	Sullivan
Burzynski	Harmon	Millner	Syverson
Clayborne	Hendon	Munoz	Trotter
Collins	Holmes	Murphy	Viverito
Crotty	Hunter	Noland	Watson
Cullerton	Jacobs	Pankau	Wilhelmi
Dahl	Jones, J.	Peterson	Mr. President
DeLeo	Koehler	Radogno	
Delgado	Kotowski	Raoul	
Demuzio	Lauzen	Righter	
Dillard	Lightford	Risinger	

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

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

On motion of Senator Kotowski, **Senate Bill No. 2489**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 55; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Dillard	Link	Risinger
Bivins	Forby	Luechtefeld	Rutherford
Bomke	Frerichs	Maloney	Sandoval
Bond	Garrett	Martinez	Schoenberg
Brady	Haine	Meeks	Silverstein
Burzynski	Halvorson	Millner	Steans
Clayborne	Harmon	Munoz	Sullivan
Collins	Hendon	Murphy	Syverson
Crotty	Holmes	Noland	Trotter
Cullerton	Hunter	Pankau	Viverito
Dahl	Jacobs	Peterson	Watson
DeLeo	Koehler	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Delgado	Kotowski	Raoul	Mr. President

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Demuzio

Lauzen

Righter

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

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

On motion of Senator Kotowski, **Senate Bill No. 2494**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 55; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Dillard	Lauzen	Risinger
Bivins	Forby	Link	Rutherford
Bomke	Frerichs	Maloney	Sandoval
Bond	Garrett	Martinez	Schoenberg
Brady	Haine	Meeks	Silverstein
Burzynski	Halvorson	Millner	Steans
Clayborne	Harmon	Munoz	Sullivan
Collins	Hendon	Murphy	Syverson
Crotty	Holmes	Noland	Trotter
Cullerton	Hunter	Pankau	Viverito
Dahl	Jacobs	Peterson	Watson
DeLeo	Jones, J.	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Delgado	Koehler	Raoul	Mr. President
Demuzio	Kotowski	Righter	

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

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

On motion of Senator Demuzio, **Senate Bill No. 2500**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 56; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Forby	Luechtefeld	Sandoval
Bivins	Frerichs	Maloney	Schoenberg
Bomke	Garrett	Martinez	Silverstein
Bond	Haine	Meeks	Steans
Brady	Halvorson	Millner	Sullivan
Burzynski	Harmon	Munoz	Syverson
Clayborne	Hendon	Murphy	Trotter
Collins	Holmes	Noland	Viverito
Crotty	Hunter	Pankau	Watson
Cullerton	Jacobs	Peterson	Wilhelmi
Dahl	Jones, J.	Radogno	Mr. President
DeLeo	Koehler	Raoul	

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Delgado	Kotowski	Righter
Demuzio	Lauzen	Risinger
Dillard	Link	Rutherford

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

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

On motion of Senator Kotowski, **Senate Bill No. 2509**, having been transcribed and typed and all amendments adopted thereto having been printed, was taken up and read by title a third time.

And the question being, "Shall this bill pass?" it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Yeas 55; Nays None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

Althoff	Dillard	Lauzen	Risinger
Bivins	Forby	Link	Rutherford
Bomke	Frerichs	Luechtefeld	Sandoval
Bond	Garrett	Maloney	Schoenberg
Brady	Haine	Martinez	Silverstein
Burzynski	Halvorson	Millner	Steans
Clayborne	Harmon	Munoz	Sullivan
Collins	Hendon	Murphy	Syverson
Crotty	Holmes	Noland	Trotter
Cullerton	Hunter	Pankau	Viverito
Dahl	Jacobs	Peterson	Watson
DeLeo	Jones, J.	Radogno	Wilhelmi
Delgado	Koehler	Raoul	Mr. President
Demuzio	Kotowski	Righter	

This bill, having received the vote of a constitutional majority of the members elected, was declared passed, and all amendments not adopted were tabled pursuant to Senate Rule No. 5-4(a).

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

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 Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 786
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 862
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 871
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 878
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 898
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1865
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1998
Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1998
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2092
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2118
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2170
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2178
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2181
Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2293

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Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2344
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2374
Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2402
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2486
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2505
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2506
Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2567
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2654
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2674
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2676
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2682
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2685
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2690
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2693
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2694
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2707
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2713
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2716
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2722
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2725
Senate Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2827
Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2858
Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2906

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

Senate Floor Amendment No. 7 to House Bill 315
Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 473
Senate Floor Amendment No. 4 to House Bill 1334
Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 3860

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EMIL JONES, JR.
SENATE PRESIDENT

327 STATE CAPITOL
Springfield, Illinois 62706

April 2, 2008

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator James Meeks to resume his position on the Senate Housing & Community Affairs Committee. This appointment is effective immediately

Sincerely,
s/Emil Jones, Jr.
Senate President

cc: Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson

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

EMIL JONES, JR.
SENATE PRESIDENT

327 STATE CAPITOL
Springfield, Illinois 62706

April 2, 2008

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator James Meeks to resume his position on the Senate Education Committee. This appointment is effective immediately

Sincerely,
s/Emil Jones, Jr.
Senate President

cc: Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson

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

EMIL JONES, JR.
SENATE PRESIDENT

327 STATE CAPITOL
Springfield, Illinois 62706

April 2, 2008

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator James Meeks to resume his position on the Senate State Government & Veterans Affairs Committee. This appointment is effective immediately

Sincerely,
s/Emil Jones, Jr.
Senate President

cc: Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson

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

EMIL JONES, JR.
SENATE PRESIDENT

327 STATE CAPITOL
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator James Meeks to resume his position as member and Chair of the Senate Human Services Committee. This appointment is effective immediately

Sincerely,
s/Emil Jones, Jr.
Senate President

cc: Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson

REPORTS FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Senator Halvorson, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its April 2, 2008 meeting, reported the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Agriculture and Conservation: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1945.**

Appropriations II: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 3860.**

Education: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2013; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2682; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2685.**

Environment and Energy: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 878; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2110; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2514; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2639.**

Executive: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 7 to House Bill 315; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 473; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1920; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2399; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2546; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2707; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2755.**

Financial Institutions: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 862; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1879; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2098.**

Higher Education: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 1334; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2690.**

Housing and Community Affairs: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2434.**

Human Services: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 898; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2199; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2693.**

Insurance: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 871; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1893; Senate Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1893; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2358; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2502; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2595.**

Judiciary Civil Law: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2085; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2138; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2527; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2594; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2725.**

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Judiciary Criminal Law: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2275; Senate Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2275; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2349; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2366; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2396; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2426; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2716; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2821; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2855.**

Labor: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1878; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2694.**

Licensed Activities: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1929.**

Local Government: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2654; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2674; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2676.**

Pensions and Investments: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2250.**

Public Health: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2303; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2461.**

Revenue: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2859.**

State Government and Veterans Affairs: **Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 786; Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2311; Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2538.**

Senator Halvorson, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 862, 871, 878 and 898** on December 3, 2007, pursuant to Rule 3-9(b), reported that the Committee recommends that the bills be approved for consideration and returned to the calendar in their former position.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

And **Senate Bills Numbered 862, 871, 878 and 898** were returned to the order of third reading.

Senator Halvorson, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, to which was referred **House Bills Numbered 315, 473 and 3860** on December 3, 2007, pursuant to Rule 3-9(b), reported that the Committee recommends that the bills be approved for consideration and returned to the calendar in their former position.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

And **House Bills Numbered 315, 473 and 3860** were returned to the order of third reading.

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 12:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Delgado, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities, announced that the Licensed Activities Committee will meet today in Room 409, at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Jacobs, Chairperson of the Committee on Housing and Community Affairs, announced that the Housing and Community Affairs Committee will meet today in Room 409, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Hunter, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations III, announced that the Appropriations III Committee will meet Thursday, April 3, 2008 in Room 212, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

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

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

Senator Sullivan, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, announced that the Agriculture and Conservation Committee will meet today in Room 409, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Kotowski, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, announced that the Financial Institutions Committee will meet Thursday, April 3, 2008 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 12:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Harmon, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary Civil Law, announced that the Judiciary Civil Law Committee will meet today in Room 212 at 12:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Maloney, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, announced that the Higher Education Committee will meet today in Room 409 at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

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

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor, announced that the Labor Committee will meet today in Room 400, at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, announced that the Environment and Energy Committee will meet today in Room 212, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Meeks, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, announced that the Human Services Committee will meet today in Room 400, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Demuzio, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, announced that the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee will meet today in Room 409, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Demuzio, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Education, announced that the Education Committee will meet today in Room 212, at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Pensions and Investments, announced that the Pensions and Investments Committee will meet today in Room 400, at 1:30 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 1:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Link, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations II, announced that the Appropriations II Committee will meet today in Room 212, at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

Senator Link announced a Democrat caucus to begin immediately upon adjournment.

At the hour of 11:22 o'clock a.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

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