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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Senator James A. DeLeo, Chicago, Illinois, presiding.
Prayer by Reverend Martin Woulfe, Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation,
Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Jacobs led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Thursday, January 29, 2009, 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.

The Journal of Friday, January 30, 2009, 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.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 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:

Calendar Year 2008 Collection Statistics for the Attorney General's Office pursuant to the Uncollected State Claims Act, submitted by the Office of the Attorney General.

Report pursuant to the Personal Information Protection Act, submitted by Northern Illinois University.

2009 Hispanic Employment Plan, submitted by the Department of Central Management Services.

Biannual Report pursuant to 820 ILCS 220/9 and 225/12, submitted by the Department of Labor.

Prostate and Testicular Cancer Program Report, December 2008, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

FY 2008 Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Officers In-Service Training Act, Mobile Team Unit Operations, submitted by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

Property Tax Appeal Board 2008 Annual Report, submitted by the Property Tax Appeal Board.

Green Building Initiatives Report, submitted by the Capital Development Board.

Franklin County Methamphetamine Treatment Program, submitted by the Department of Human Services.

Long-Term Care Report, submitted by the Department of Public Health.

Summary of Approved Waivers and Modifications, A Cumulative Report, submitted by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT STATE OF ILLINOIS

[February 4, 2009]

JOHN J. CULLERTON
SENATE PRESIDENT

327 STATE CAPITOL
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

January 30, 2009

The Honorable Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate
Room 403, State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Please be advised that I have made the following appointments, to be effective immediately, to the 96th General Assembly Standing Committees:

AGRICULTURE & CONSERVATION

Senator Michael Frerichs, Chair
Senator A.J. Wilhelmi, Vice-Chair
Senator Deanna Demuzio
Senator Linda Holmes
Senator Toi Hutchinson
Senator David Koehler

APPROPRIATIONS I

Senator Donne Trotter, Chair
Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg, Vice-Chair
Senator Jacqueline Collins
Senator William Delgado
Senator Mattie Hunter
Senator Mike Jacobs
Senator Emil Jones, III

APPROPRIATIONS II

Senator John Sullivan, Chair
Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg, Vice-Chair
Senator Michael Bond
Senator Dan Kotowski
Senator Edward Maloney
Senator Martin Sandoval
Senator Heather Steans
Senator Donne Trotter

ASSIGNMENTS

Senator James Clayborne, Chair
Senator Dona Harmon
Senator Louis Viverito

COMMERCE

Senator Dan Kotowski, Chair
Senator Susan Garrett, Vice-Chair
Senator Michael Frerichs
Senator Emil Jones, III
Senator Iris Martinez

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Linda Holmes, Chair
Senator William Delgado, Vice-Chair
Senator Edward Maloney

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Senator Kwame Raoul
 Senator Louis Viverito

CRIMINAL LAW

Senator Michael Noland, Chair
 Senator Kwame Raoul, Vice-Chair
 Senator William Haine
 Senator Dan Kotowski
 Senator A.J. Wilhelmi

EDUCATION

Senator James Meeks, Chair
 Senator Heather Steans, Vice-Chair
 Senator Deanna Demuzio
 Senator Michael Frerichs
 Senator Susan Garrett
 Senator Kimberly Lightford
 Senator Iris Martinez

ELECTIONS

Senator Maggie Crotty, Chair
 Senator Terry Link, Vice-Chair
 Senator Michael Bond
 Senator James Meeks
 Senator Louis Viverito

ENERGY

Senator Mike Jacobs, Chair
 Senator David Koehler, Vice-Chair
 Senator James Clayborne
 Senator Rickey Hendon
 Senator Emil Jones, III
 Senator Iris Martinez
 Senator Tony Muñoz
 Senator Michael Noland
 Senator Martin Sandoval

ENVIRONMENT

Senator Susan Garrett, Chair
 Senator Heather Steans, Vice-Chair
 Senator Jacqueline Collins
 Senator Dona Harmon
 Senator Mattie Hunter

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Senator Tony Muñoz, Chair
 Senator James DeLeo, Vice-Chair
 Senator William Delgado
 Senator Don Harmon
 Senator Louis Viverito

EXECUTIVE

Senator Ira Silverstein, Chair
 Senator Don Harmon, Vice-Chair
 Senator James Clayborne
 Senate President John Cullerton
 Senator James DeLeo
 Senator Rickey Hendon
 Senator Kimberly Lightford

Senator Tony Muñoz

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Senator Jacqueline Collins, Chair
 Senator Dan Kotowski, Vice-Chair
 Senator Terry Link
 Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg
 Senator Ira Silverstein
 Senator John Sullivan

GAMING

Senator Terry Link, Chair
 Senator Ira Silverstein, Vice-Chair
 Senator Rickey Hendon
 Senator Linda Holmes
 Senator A.J. Wilhelmi

HIGHER EDUCATION

Senator Edward Maloney, Chair
 Senator Michael Frerichs, Vice-Chair
 Senator Maggie Crotty
 Senator David Koehler
 Senator James Meeks
 Senator John Sullivan

HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Mattie Hunter, Chair
 Senator Deanna Demuzio, Vice-Chair
 Senator William Delgado
 Senator Dan Kotowski
 Senator Heather Steans

INSURANCE

Senator William Haine, Chair
 Senator Jacqueline Collins, Vice-Chair
 Senator Gary Forby
 Senator Rickey Hendon
 Senator Mike Jacobs
 Senator Tony Muñoz
 Senator Ira Silverstein

JUDICIARY

Senator A.J. Wilhelmi, Chair
 Senator Don Harmon, Vice-Chair
 Senator William Haine
 Senator Michael Noland
 Senator Kwame Raoul
 Senator Ira Silverstein

LABOR

Senator Gary Forby, Chair
 Senator Linda Holmes, Vice-Chair
 Senator Maggie Crotty
 Senator Toi Hutchinson
 Senator Emil Jones, III
 Senator Kimberly Lightford
 Senator Edward Maloney

LICENSED ACTIVITIES

[February 4, 2009]

Senator Iris Martinez, Chair
 Senator Emil Jones, III, Vice-Chair
 Senator Maggie Crotty
 Senator Michael Frerichs
 Senator William Haine
 Senator Martin Sandoval

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Senator David Koehler, Chair
 Senator Maggie Crotty, Vice-Chair
 Senator Linda Holmes
 Senator Toi Hutchinson
 Senator Terry Link

PENSIONS & INVESTMENTS

Senator Kwame Raoul, Chair
 Senator Iris Martinez, Vice-Chair
 Senator James Clayborne
 Senator Jacqueline Collins
 Senator John Sullivan
 Senator Donne Trotter

PUBLIC HEALTH

Senator William Delgado, Chair
 Senator Mattie Hunter, Vice-Chair
 Senator Susan Garrett
 Senator Michael Noland
 Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg
 Senator Heather Steans

REDISTRICTING

Senator Kwame Raoul, Chair
 Senator Deanna Demuzio, Vice-Chair
 Senator Michael Bond
 Senator Don Harmon
 Senator Mattie Hunter
 Senator Edward Maloney
 Senator Iris Martinez

REVENUE

Senator Louis Viverito, Chair
 Senator Michael Noland, Vice-Chair
 Senator Susan Garrett
 Senator Mike Jacobs
 Senator James Meeks
 Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg

STATE GOVERNMENT & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Senator Deanna Demuzio, Chair
 Senator Toi Hutchinson, Vice-Chair
 Senator Mattie Hunter
 Senator Kimberly Lightford
 Senator Louis Viverito

TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Senator Michael Bond, Chair
 Senator Mike Jacobs, Vice-Chair
 Senator James Clayborne
 Senator Gary Forby

Senator William Haine
Senator Dona Harmon
Senator Tony Muñoz
Senator Kwame Raoul

TRANSPORTATION

Senator Martin Sandoval, Chair
Senator Michael Bond, Vice-Chair
Senator Gary Forby
Senator Toi Hutchinson
Senator David Koehler
Senator John Sullivan
Senator A.J. Wilhelmi

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Andy Manar, at 217.782.3920.

Sincerely,
s/John J. Cullerton
Senate President

cc: Governor Patrick Quinn
Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno
House Speaker Michael Madigan
House Republican Leader Tom Cross
Secretary of State – Index Division
Legislative Research Unit
Legislative Reference Bureau
Clerk of the House

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MINORITY LEADER

CHRISTINE RADOGNO
STATE REPUBLICAN LEADER ·41ST DISTRICT

January 23, 2009

Ms. Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate
401 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Please be advised that, pursuant to Senate Rule 3-2, I have appointed the following members as minority spokespersons for the standing committees of the 96th General Assembly as indicated on the attached.

These appointments are effective immediately. If you have any questions please contact my Chief of Staff, Tim Nuding, at 217-782-8184.

Sincerely,
s/Christine Radogno
Senate Republican Leader

Attachment
cc: Scott Kaiser

Senate Standing Committees of the 96th General Assembly

[February 4, 2009]

Agriculture & Conservation	Jones	Minority Spokesperson
Appropriations I	Murphy	Minority Spokesperson
Appropriations II	Althoff	Minority Spokesperson
Assignments	Righter	Minority Spokesperson
Commerce	Watson	Minority Spokesperson
Consumer Protection	Luechtefeld	Minority Spokesperson
Criminal Law	Millner	Minority Spokesperson
Education	Cronin	Minority Spokesperson
Elections	Righter	Minority Spokesperson
Energy	Risinger	Minority Spokesperson
Environment	Risinger	Minority Spokesperson
Executive	Righter	Minority Spokesperson
Executive Appointments	Luechtefeld	Minority Spokesperson
Financial Institutions	Rutherford	Minority Spokesperson
Gaming	Syverson	Minority Spokesperson
Human Services	Syverson	Minority Spokesperson
Higher Education	Burzynski	Minority Spokesperson
Insurance	Duffy	Minority Spokesperson
Judiciary	Dillard	Minority Spokesperson
Labor	Pankau	Minority Spokesperson
Licensed Activities	Althoff	Minority Spokesperson
Local Government	Dahl	Minority Spokesperson
Pensions & Investments	Brady	Minority Spokesperson
Public Health	Syverson	Minority Spokesperson
Redistricting	Righter	Minority Spokesperson
Revenue	Lauzen	Minority Spokesperson
State Government & Veterans Affairs	Bivins	Minority Spokesperson
Telecommunications & Information Technology	Hultgren	Minority Spokesperson
Transportation	Bomke	Minority Spokesperson

CHRISTINE RADOGNO
STATE REPUBLICAN LEADER ·41ST DISTRICT

January 26, 2009

Ms. Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate
401 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-2(a), I am making the following changes to the minority membership of the following standing committees of the Senate:

Pensions & Investments: Senator Dan Duffy shall replace Senator Bill Brady as Minority Spokesperson.

Insurance: Senator Bill Brady shall replace Senator Dan Duffy as Minority Spokesperson.

These changes shall take effect immediately.

Sincerely,
s/Christine Radogno
Senate Republican Leader

cc: Senator President John Cullerton

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Assistant Secretary of the Senate Scott Kaiser

COMMUNICATION

Illinois State Senate
Frank C. Watson
State Senator
51st Senate District

January 29, 2009

Ms. Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate
401 State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Secretary Shipley,

I am writing today to inform you of my decision to retire as the State Senator from the 51st Senate District. My resignation will be effective at midnight February 16, 2009.

It has been my honor and privilege to represent the people of Central and Southern Illinois in the General Assembly since 1979. I leave with many wonderful memories and many wonderful friendships which will be a great source of joy in the years to come.

All the best to you, my colleagues in the Senate and the wonderful staff that I have been fortunate to work with the past 30 years.

Sincerely,
s/Frank Watson
State Senator

cc: Senate President John Cullerton
Republican Leader Christine Radogno
Assistant Secretary of the Senate Scott Kaiser

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

Offered by Senator Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Gloria Evelyn (Parnham) Carroll of East Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Earl L. Wilhold of Edwardsville.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Kathleen Jane Ash of St. Louis, Missouri.

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

Senator Millner offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

WHEREAS, February 12, 2009 is the two-hundredth anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln's family made Illinois their home; his history of public service is rich and diverse and includes being a representative in the lower house in Illinois government, a successful lawyer, and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives wherein he advocated that "any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up, and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better"; and

WHEREAS, During President Abraham Lincoln's legendary run for the United States Senate against Stephen A. Douglas, he displayed the importance of being educated, articulate, and tenacious in advocating for his point of view; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln, in his famous address at Gettysburg, asked citizens to devote themselves to the cause of government of the people, by the people, and for the people, and espoused that such a government will not prosper without an informed and involved citizenry; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln valued education; he governed during a tumultuous time in United States history wherein fervent debate existed regarding the balance of security versus liberty; and

WHEREAS, Responsible citizenship and effective community participation, wherein citizens are informed and actively engaged, are learned behaviors and necessary in order to have a healthy democratic society; and

WHEREAS, The promotion of civic engagement is a diverse endeavor that includes, but is not limited to, voting, monitoring local government agencies, voicing points of view through exercising first amendment rights, and petitioning government bodies on issues of public significance; and

WHEREAS, Illinois supports the efforts of diverse organizations to increase public involvement in government affairs and other civic institutions for the purpose of fostering citizen-initiated democratic communities where members of the public are civically engaged and understand and practice their rights and responsibilities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare February of 2009 as a month of civic engagement in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln, our most famous citizen and sixteenth president.

Senator Frerichs offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Assignments:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

WHEREAS, Illinois Treasurer, Alexi Giannoulias, has proposed consolidating the investment authority of all Illinois pension systems under the newly created Illinois Public Employee Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, The economic impact of the consolidation of investment authority for Illinois pension systems would have a negative impact on the economy in central Illinois during these difficult economic times; and

WHEREAS, The potential cost savings and increased investment return are not guaranteed; and

WHEREAS, Illinois pension systems have consistently performed above their peer systems in other

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states; and

WHEREAS, Having 3 investment pools for the payment of pension benefits provides for the diversification of portfolios; and

WHEREAS, The loss of well-paying jobs in central Illinois would only further depress the job market in the area; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we instruct the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability to study the economic impact on central Illinois of the number of jobs that would be eliminated due to the consolidation of investment authority in the State Universities Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and each statewide elected official on or before October 1, 2009.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 225. Introduced by Senator Martinez, 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 Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 226. Introduced by Senator Martinez, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 227. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 228. Introduced by Senator Althoff, a bill for AN ACT concerning employment.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 229. Introduced by Senator Pankau, a bill for AN ACT concerning financial regulation.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 230. Introduced by Senator J. Jones, a bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 231. Introduced by Senator Raoul, a bill for AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 232. Introduced by Senator Harmon, a bill for AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 233. Introduced by Senator Harmon, a bill for AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 234. Introduced by Senator Frerichs, a bill for AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 235. Introduced by Senator Lightford, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 236. Introduced by Senator Steans, a bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 237. Introduced by Senator Steans, 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 Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 238. Introduced by Senator Steans, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 239. Introduced by Senator Steans, a bill for AN ACT concerning business.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 240. Introduced by Senator Haine, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurance.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 241. Introduced by Senator Raoul, a bill for AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 242. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 243. Introduced by Senator Munoz, a bill for AN ACT concerning vehicles.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 244. Introduced by Senator Kotowski, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 245. Introduced by Senator Steans, a bill for AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 246. Introduced by Senator Sandoval, a bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 247. Introduced by Senator Delgado, a bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 248. Introduced by Senators Trotter - Schoenberg - Clayborne - Althoff, 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 Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 249. Introduced by Senator Delgado, a bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 250. Introduced by Senator Lightford, a bill for AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 251. Introduced by Senator Link, a bill for AN ACT concerning financial regulation.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 252. Introduced by Senator Link, a bill for AN ACT concerning business.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 253. Introduced by Senator Link, a bill for AN ACT concerning property.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 254. Introduced by Senator Link, a bill for AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 255. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 256. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 257. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT concerning jobs.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 258. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurance.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 259. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT concerning sport shooting and training ranges.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 260. Introduced by Senator Frerichs, a bill for AN ACT concerning State government.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 261. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 262. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT concerning finance.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 263. Introduced by Senator Frerichs, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 264. Introduced by Senator Frerichs, a bill for AN ACT concerning local government.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 265. Introduced by Senator Schoenberg, a bill for AN ACT concerning finance.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 266. Introduced by Senator Schoenberg, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 267. Introduced by Senator Collins, a bill for AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 268. Introduced by Senator Collins, a bill for AN ACT concerning foreclosure.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 269. Introduced by Senator Demuzio, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 270. Introduced by Senator Demuzio, a bill for AN ACT concerning public health.

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

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its February 4, 2009 meeting, reported the following Senate Bills have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Agriculture and Conservation: **Senate Bills Numbered 38 and 149.**

Appropriations I: **Senate Bill No. 121.**

Consumer Protection: **Senate Bill No. 83.**

Criminal Law: **Senate Bills Numbered 31, 42, 48, 62, 64, 100, 101, 104, 140, 141, 142, 145, 156, 171 and 172.**

Education: **Senate Bills Numbered 35, 79, 102, 123, 144, 152 and 153.**

Elections: **Senate Bill No. 146.**

Energy: **Senate Bill No. 82.**

Environment: **Senate Bill No. 99.**

Executive: **Senate Bills Numbered 1, 2, 3, 54, 63 and 103.**

Higher Education: **Senate Bills Numbered 37 and 77.**

Human Services: **Senate Bills Numbered 71, 90 and 135.**

Insurance: **Senate Bills Numbered 68 and 131.**

Judiciary: **Senate Bills Numbered 55, 65, 84, 85, 154 and 174.**

Labor: **Senate Bill No. 43.**

Licensed Activities: **Senate Bills Numbered 32 and 53.**

Pensions and Investments: **Senate Bill No. 39.**

Public Health: **Senate Bills Numbered 56, 97, 105 and 178.**

Revenue: **Senate Bills Numbered 51, 81 and 89.**

State Government and Veterans Affairs: **Senate Bills Numbered 27, 40, 47, 52 and 124.**

Telecommunications and Information Technology: **Senate Bill No. 74.**

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Transportation: **Senate Bills Numbered 30, 34, 67, 75 and 148.**

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, reported that the following Legislative Measure has been approved for consideration:

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The foregoing resolution was placed on the Secretary's Desk.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

On motion of Senator Syverson, Senators Hultgren was excused from attendance due to travel and Senator Luechtefeld was excused from attendance due to a funeral.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ON SECRETARY'S DESK

Senator Cullerton moved that **Senate Joint Resolution No. 1**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cullerton moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 be adopted.

And on that motion, a call of the roll was had resulting as follows:

YEAS 56; NAYS None.

The following voted in the affirmative:

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

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

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

At the hour of 4:35 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, February 5, 2009, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.