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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
 Pursuant to the Senate Rule 2-5(c)2, the Secretary of the Senate conducted the perfunctory session.
 Silent prayer was observed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 2964. Introduced by Senator Muñoz, a bill for AN ACT concerning government.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2965. 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. 2966. Introduced by Senator Pankau, 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. 2967. Introduced by Senator Pankau, 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. 2968. Introduced by Senator Pankau, 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. 2969. Introduced by Senator Althoff, 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. 2970. Introduced by Senator Jones, E. III, 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. 2971. Introduced by Senator Dillard, 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. 2972. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT concerning elections.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2973. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2974. Introduced by Senator Dillard, 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. 2975. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT concerning corrections.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2976. Introduced by Senator Trotter, 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. 2977. Introduced by Senator Pankau, 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. 2978. Introduced by Senator Millner, a bill for AN ACT concerning government.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2979. Introduced by Senator Pankau, 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. 2980. Introduced by Senator Maloney, 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. 2981. Introduced by Senator Radogno, 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. 2982. Introduced by Senator Haine, 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. 2983. Introduced by Senator Haine, 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. 2984. Introduced by Senator Haine, 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. 2985. Introduced by Senator Martinez, 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.

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SENATE BILL NO. 2986. Introduced by Senator Sandoval, a bill for AN ACT concerning land. The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments.

SENATE BILL NO. 2987. Introduced by Senator Millner, a bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2988. Introduced by Senator Pankau, 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. 2989. Introduced by Senator Pankau, 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. 2990. Introduced by Senator Pankau, a bill for AN ACT concerning State benefits.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2991. Introduced by Senator Pankau, a bill for AN ACT concerning health.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2992. Introduced by Senator Pankau, a bill for AN ACT regarding disabled persons.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2993. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, 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. 2994. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, 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. 2995. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, 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. 2996. Introduced by Senator Lightford, 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. 2997. Introduced by Senator Demuzio, a bill for AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2998. Introduced by Senator Demuzio, a bill for AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 599

Offered by Senator Muñoz and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Jack G. Wallenda, Sr., of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 600

Offered by Senators Risinger – Koehler and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Brad Horton of Edwards.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 601

Offered by Senator Hunter and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mycal Jerron Hunter of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 602

Offered by Senator Radogno and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Edward F. Dillard, Jr., of Hinsdale.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 603

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Nancy Marie Leonardi of Aurora.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 604

Offered by Senator Lauzen and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Leon F. Gramley of Kaneville.

By direction of the Secretary, 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:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 605

WHEREAS, In response to the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, it was determined that Illinois local law enforcement lacked a central organization that could coordinate mutual aid between law enforcement agencies in the event of natural or man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, known as ILEAS, was created to coordinate mutual aid between law enforcement agencies when a disaster in one jurisdiction exceeds the law enforcement capabilities of that jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS, pursuant to State statutes, has become a consortium of local governments that consists of over 900 Illinois police and sheriff departments, representing nearly 99% of all law enforcement officers in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS is governed by professional police chiefs and sheriffs elected by their peers from regions throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS has repeatedly demonstrated a dedication to providing assistance to local law enforcement agencies in times of need; and

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WHEREAS, ILEAS routinely assists local law enforcement with preparations to respond to disasters through the efficient administration of over \$60,000,000 in federal grants from the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS is a gubernatorial appointee to the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, charged with representing local law enforcement in regards to Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS has developed a national reputation for professionalism through the Illinois response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the development of special teams, whose purpose is to respond in times of need; and

WHEREAS, This national reputation led the Pittsburgh Police Department to immediately call ILEAS for assistance when it first learned that Pittsburgh was to host the G20 Economic Summit; and

WHEREAS, ILEAS successfully organized 60 local law enforcement agencies to send 150 police officers from the ILEAS Mobile Field Force teams to Pittsburgh, where they actively assisted the Pittsburgh Police Department in maintaining security for the G20 Economic Summit; and

WHEREAS, The ILEAS model of inter-governmental cooperation has successfully demonstrated that cooperation can lead to great accomplishments and better serve the interests of the citizens of Illinois and the nation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System as a consortium of local governments, whose interest is the protection of the citizens of Illinois in times of crisis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we further recognize the great efforts put forth by the ILEAS membership in creating a successful system of mutual aid to provide assistance when called upon by all law enforcement agencies in Illinois.

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 88

WHEREAS, The Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success has documented the critical role higher education plays in economic recovery and growth, particularly in ensuring this State has an educated workforce to meet the needs of business and industry; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Public Agenda also has documented the fact that at least some postsecondary education is an essential credential for jobs in the present and future global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, 40.8% of Illinois adults held a college degree in 2008, while the best-performing countries in the world averaged 55% of adults holding a college degree; and

WHEREAS, To achieve a level of 60% of adults holding a college degree by 2025, the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems estimates that this State will need to increase the number of degrees awarded by 4,671 each year, for a total of 635,243 additional degrees between 2010 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and its higher education institutions have a responsibility for student success, including improved student retention, program completion, and graduation; and

WHEREAS, Funding for community colleges and public universities in Fiscal Year 2010 is \$592 million, or 26% below appropriations in Fiscal Year 2002 after accounting for inflation; and

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WHEREAS, Tuition and fee rates for entering students have escalated 86% at public universities between Fiscal Year 2004 and Fiscal Year 2010 and by 52% at community colleges during that period; and

WHEREAS, Between Fiscal Year 2002 and Fiscal Year 2010, appropriations for the Monetary Award Program, the State's premier, need-based, student financial aid program, fell by nearly \$57 million or 12%, after accounting for inflation; and

WHEREAS, Many public universities and community colleges have experienced severe cash flow crises due to delinquent payments of Fiscal Year 2010 State appropriations; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success has recommended that the Board of Higher Education, in consultation with other higher education agencies, "develop a comprehensive funding strategy that makes more explicit and intentional the links between state appropriations, tuition, and need-based student financial aid"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Board of Higher Education establish a Higher Education Finance Study Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall be comprised of 11 members, including one senator appointed by the President of the Senate, one senator appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one representative appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one representative appointed by the Minority Leader of the House and the remaining 7 members appointed by the Board of Higher Education to represent a cross-section of the higher education community as well as experts in higher education finance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission's study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) examining the history and means of higher education funding in this State, comparing funding with other states and peer institutions, and reviewing funding mechanisms for adequacy, equity, and reliability;
- (2) comparing the productivity of Illinois higher education to other state systems and the productivity of public colleges and universities to peer institutions;
- (3) analyzing best practices implemented in other states, such as Ohio and Indiana, for incentivizing certificate and degree completion, including incentives for students and for institutions;
- (4) reviewing tuition and financial aid policies and practices and their roles in improving certificate and degree completion; and
- (5) considering alternative funding mechanisms that will advance the goals of the Illinois Public Agenda; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission consult with representatives of other states or other higher education finance experts, as appropriate, to inform the Commission about best practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for adoption by these agencies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before December 1, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the chairpersons of the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

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At the hour of 2:15 o'clock p.m., pursuant to **House Joint Resolution No. 82**, the Chair announced the Senate stand adjourned until Monday, February 8, 2010, at 5:00 o'clock p.m, or until the call of the President.