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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Senator Antonio Muñoz , Chicago, Illinois, presiding.
Prayer by Minister Michael Hurley, Parkway Church of Christ, Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Jacobs led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Tuesday, November 29, 2011, 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, December 13, 2011, 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.

Senator Hunter moved that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, February 7, 2012, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.
The motion prevailed.

REPORT RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following report:

FY 12 African American Employment Plan Survey and FY 12 Hispanic Employment Plan Survey, submitted by the Office of the Comptroller.

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

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 Assignments:

Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2574
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3148
Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3181

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

JOHN J. CULLERTON
SENATE PRESIDENT

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February 8, 2012

Mr. Tim Anderson
Secretary of the Senate
Room 401 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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Pursuant to Rule 3-2(c), I hereby appoint Senator Toi Hutchinson to temporarily replace Senator Emil Jones as a member of the Senate State Government Committee. This appointment will automatically expire upon adjournment of the Senate State Government Committee.

Sincerely,
s/John J. Cullerton
John J. Cullerton
Senate President

cc: Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 587

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Leon A. Little of Bethalto.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 588

Offered by Senator Brady and all Senators:
Mourns the death of William E. Froelich, Jr.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 589

Offered by Senator Brady and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Dennis A. "Denny" Marquardt of Bloomington.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 590

Offered by Senator Brady and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Earl R. Rogers of Bloomington.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 591

Offered by Senator Brady and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Lori L. Groetken of Bloomington.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 592

Offered by Senator Brady and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Thomas Getz of Moline.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 593

Offered by Senator Brady and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Michael S. Hussong of Normal.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 594

Offered by Senator Brady and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Helen F. Manier of Washington.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 595

Offered by Senator J. Collins and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mother Ida B. Clayborn of Blytheville, Arkansas.

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

Senator McCann offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Assignments:

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH 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 2 of Article VIII of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE VIII
FINANCE

SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE

(a) The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the estimated balance of funds available for appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of every department, authority, public corporation and quasi-public corporation of the State, every State college and university, and every other public agency created by the State, but not of units of local government or school districts. The budget shall also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of the State and such other information as may be required by law. Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget.

(b) The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State. Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year.

(c) No special fund in the State treasury shall be subject to sweeps, administrative charge-backs, or any other fiscal or budgetary maneuver that would in any way transfer any amounts from a special fund into any other fund of the State.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

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

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

WHEREAS, The Illinois State treasury holds many special funds that have been created to hold moneys dedicated for particular purposes; and

WHEREAS, Some of those special funds are dedicated for various purposes concerning agriculture and conservation; and

WHEREAS, In the recent past, the General Assembly has taken action to "sweep" moneys from certain dedicated special funds into the General Revenue Fund or other funds so that those moneys may be used for other purposes unrelated to the purposes for which the special funds were created; and

WHEREAS, These "fund sweeps" result in less money being available for the purposes for which the special funds were created and have a significant negative impact on Illinois residents who would otherwise benefit from services funded by the moneys held in those special funds; and

WHEREAS, "Fund sweeps" from special funds dedicated for various purposes concerning agriculture and conservation, or any other similar budgetary maneuvers, will negatively impact the State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that special

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funds in the State treasury that are dedicated for purposes concerning agriculture and conservation shall not be subject to sweeps, administrative charge-backs, including, but not limited to, those authorized under Section 8h of the State Finance Act, or any other fiscal or budgetary maneuver that would in any way transfer any funds from such special funds into any other fund of the State.

REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEE

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, to which was referred **Senate Bills Numbered 2531 and 2819**, 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. 3490. Introduced by Senator Crotty, 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. 3491. Introduced by Senator Haine, 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. 3492. 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. 3493. Introduced by Senator Dillard, 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. 3494. 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. 3495. 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. 3496. Introduced by Senator Schoenberg, 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. 3497. Introduced by Senator Schoenberg, a bill for AN ACT concerning the lottery.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3498. Introduced by Senator Schoenberg, 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.

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SENATE BILL NO. 3499. Introduced by Senator Schoenberg, 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. 3500. Introduced by Senator Mulroe, 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. 3501. Introduced by Senator LaHood, 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. 3502. Introduced by Senator McCann, 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. 3503. Introduced by Senator Althoff, 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. 3504. Introduced by Senator Duffy, 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. 3505. Introduced by Senator J. Jones, 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. 3506. Introduced by Senator McCann, 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. 3507. Introduced by Senator Jacobs, 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. 3508. Introduced by Senator Althoff, 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. 3509. Introduced by Senator Althoff, 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. 3510. Introduced by Senator Althoff, 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. 3511. Introduced by Senator Althoff, 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. 3512. Introduced by Senator Althoff, a bill for AN ACT concerning wages.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3513. Introduced by Senator Martinez, 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. 3514. Introduced by Senator Martinez, 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. 3515. Introduced by Senator Syverson, a bill for AN ACT concerning safety.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3516. 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. 3517. Introduced by Senator Mulroe, 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. 3518. Introduced by Senator Forby, 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. 3519. Introduced by Senator T. Johnson, 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. 3520. 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. 3521. Introduced by Senator Jacobs, 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. 3522. Introduced by Senator J. Collins, a bill for AN ACT concerning business.

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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. 3523. Introduced by Senator J. Collins, a bill for AN ACT concerning tax refunds.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3524. Introduced by Senator Hutchinson, 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. 3525. Introduced by Senator Hutchinson, 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. 3526. Introduced by Senator Hutchinson, 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. 3527. Introduced by Senator Hutchinson, a bill for AN ACT concerning safety.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3528. Introduced by Senator Hutchinson, 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. 3529. Introduced by Senator Hutchinson, 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. 3530. Introduced by Senator Jacobs, 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. 3531. Introduced by Senator Garrett, a bill for AN ACT concerning safety.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3532. Introduced by Senator Garrett, a bill for AN ACT concerning safety.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3533. Introduced by Senator J. Jones, a bill for AN ACT concerning wildlife.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3534. Introduced by Senator J. Jones, 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. 3535. Introduced by Senator Lightford, 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. 3536. Introduced by Senator Sandack, 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. 3537. Introduced by Senator Millner, 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. 3538. Introduced by Senator Millner, 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. 3539. Introduced by Senator Millner, 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.

READING BILLS OF THE SENATE A SECOND TIME

On motion of Senator Garrett, **Senate Bill No. 2492** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Bomke, **Senate Bill No. 2494** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time.

The following amendment was offered in the Committee on Transportation, adopted and ordered printed:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 2494

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 2494 on page 1, line 15, by replacing "set" with "or more sets set".

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Forby, **Senate Bill No. 2528** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Haine, **Senate Bill No. 2561** 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. 2566** 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. 2568** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

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On motion of Senator Sullivan, **Senate Bill No. 2571** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time.

The following amendment was offered in the Committee on Transportation, adopted and ordered printed:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 2571

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 2571 on page 2, by replacing lines 10 through 12 with the following:

"recreational vehicles, or trailers or any dealer who sells 25 vehicles or fewer per calendar year, not counting sales of vehicles to another dealer or auction house.".

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Holmes, **Senate Bill No. 2824** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time.

The following amendment was offered in the Committee on Human Services, adopted and ordered printed:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO SENATE BILL 2824

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Amend Senate Bill 2824 on page 3, by replacing lines 9 through 12 with the following:

"moneys are used for child support). The Comptroller shall not deduct from payments to be disbursed from the Child Support Enforcement Trust Fund as provided for under Section 12-10.2 of the Illinois Public Aid Code, except for payments representing interest on child support obligations under Section 10-16.5 of that Code. The Comptroller and the".

There being no further amendments, the foregoing Amendment No. 1 was ordered engrossed, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Mulroe, **Senate Bill No. 2839** having been printed, was taken up, read by title a second time and ordered to a third reading.

At the hour of 12:19 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at ease.

AT EASE

At the hour of 12:30 o'clock p.m. the Senate resumed consideration of business.
Senator Muñoz, presiding.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House by

Mr. Mapes, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

WHEREAS, His Excellency Lech Walesa, Former President of the Republic of Poland, helped lead his country to a new era of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa, the son of a carpenter, rose to become the first democratically-elected President of postwar Poland and helped to usher the country into the modern era by laying the foundation for Poland's eventual admission into NATO, and, as a free nation, into the United Nations;

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and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa, Pope John Paul II, President Ronald Reagan, and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher are recognized as the Big Four, whose courage helped bring about the disintegration of the Eastern Bloc and the end of the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa's journey, from working in the massive Lenin shipyard at Gdansk, Poland to becoming the first democratically-elected President in Poland's postwar history, was an arduous one; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa was born on September 29, 1943 in Popowo, Poland; after graduating from vocational school, he worked as a car mechanic at a machine center from 1961 to 1965; he served in the army for 2 years, where he rose to the rank of corporal; in 1967, he was employed in the Gdansk shipyards as an electrician; in 1969, he married Danuta Golos; together, they have 8 children; and

WHEREAS, Working as an electrician in the shipyards in the early 1970s, Lech Walesa witnessed violent government crackdowns ordered by Poland's Communist Party leadership against its own citizens, which spurred him to take action and become recognized as a labor leader and activist; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, as a result of his activities as a shop steward, Lech Walesa was fired and was forced to earn his living by taking temporary jobs; and

WHEREAS, The Catholic Church supported the Polish workers movement; in January of 1981, Lech Walesa was cordially received by Pope John Paul II in the Vatican; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa regards his faith as a source of strength and inspiration; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his leadership, Lech Walesa was elected to serve as the first Solidarity Chairman at the First National Solidarity Congress in Gdansk in September of 1981; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa is recognized for his raw courage as "the man who stood up"; he continued to lead after he was imprisoned during the imposition of martial law in communist Poland; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1983, Lech Walesa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his struggle to win workers' rights in Poland; and

WHEREAS, When awarded the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize, the Nobel Committee stated: "...Walesa is an exponent of the active longing for peace and freedom which exists, in spite of unequal conditions, unconquered in all the peoples of the world. Furthermore the Committee believes that Walesa's attempt to find a peaceful solution to his country's problems will contribute to a relaxation of international tension."; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa's activities have been characterized by a determination to solve his country's problems through negotiation and cooperation, without resorting to violence; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa served as President of the Republic of Poland from 1990 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, During his presidency, Lech Walesa saw Poland through privatization and the transition to a free market economy, the nation's first completely free parliamentary elections in 1991, and a period of redefinition of Poland's foreign relations; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa successfully negotiated the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Polish soil and won a substantial reduction in Poland's foreign debts; and

WHEREAS, President Lech Walesa was an instrumental force in ushering in Polish democracy, continued reforms, and national reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, President Lech Walesa leaves a historic legacy of freedom that has changed the face of Poland, Europe and the world at large; and

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WHEREAS, Lech Walesa was named by Time Magazine as one of the 100 most influential people of the past century; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa continues to help people that fight for freedom around the world to believe that they are not alone in their struggle and that the world is not indifferent to their aspirations for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa has been granted many honorary degrees from prestigious universities, including Harvard University and the University of Paris; he has also been the recipient of the Medal of Freedom (Philadelphia, U.S.A.), the Award of Free World (Norway), and the European Award of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, Lech Walesa is the founder of the "Lech Walesa Institute" Foundation in Gdansk, Poland; through this organization, he wishes to honor those people and institutions who are active for the cause of freedom and who promote the values which were at the basis of Polish "Solidarity"; and

WHEREAS, President Lech Walesa is the recipient of the 2012 Lincoln Leadership Prize, awarded by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation on February 9, 2012; the Foundation celebrates Lincoln's legacy of leadership by honoring leaders of meritorious quality; the prize is awarded to exceptional men and women for a lifetime of service in the Lincoln tradition, marked by great strength of character, individual conscience, and an unwavering commitment to the defining principles of democracy; the prize recognizes those individuals who accept the responsibilities imposed by history and demanded by conscience; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the date of February 9, 2012 as "Lech Walesa Day" in the State of Illinois in honor of former Polish President Lech Walesa and his work in promoting freedom and self-determination in Poland and throughout the world; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Lech Walesa as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

Adopted by the House, February 8, 2012.

TIMOTHY D. MAPES, Clerk of the House

The foregoing message from the House of Representatives reporting House Joint Resolution No. 58 was referred to the Committee on Assignments.

At the hour of 12:31 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at ease.

AT EASE

At the hour of 12:40 o'clock p.m. the Senate resumed consideration of business.
Senator Muñoz, presiding.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its February 8, 2012 meeting, reported the following Appointment Messages have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committee of the Senate:

Executive Appointments: **Appointment Messages Numbered 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363 and 364.**

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Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its February 8, 2012 meeting, reported that the following Legislative Measure has been approved for consideration:

House Joint Resolution 58

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

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ON SECRETARY'S DESK

Senator Kotowski moved that **House Joint Resolution No. 58**, on the Secretary's Desk, be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kotowski moved that House Joint Resolution No. 58 be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

At the hour of 12:47 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at ease.

AT EASE

At the hour of 1:19 o'clock p.m. the Senate resumed consideration of business.

Senator Muñoz, presiding.

At the hour of 1:20 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at ease.

AT EASE

At the hour of 1:27 o'clock p.m. the Senate resumed consideration of business.

Senator Muñoz, presiding.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ASSIGNMENTS

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Assignments, during its February 8, 2012 meeting, reported the following Senate Resolution has been assigned to the indicated Standing Committee of the Senate:

Executive: **Senate Resolution No. 585.**

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House by

Mr. Mapes, Clerk:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 3948

A bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL NO. 3950

A bill for AN ACT concerning civil law.

Passed the House, February 8, 2012.

TIMOTHY D. MAPES, Clerk of the House

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The foregoing **House Bills Numbered 3948 and 3950** were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 3540. 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. 3541. Introduced by Senator Steans, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

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SENATE BILL NO. 3542. Introduced by Senator LaHood, a bill for AN ACT concerning gaming.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3543. Introduced by Senator McCann, 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. 3544. Introduced by Senator Jacobs, a bill for AN ACT concerning children.

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SENATE BILL NO. 3545. Introduced by Senator Holmes, a bill for AN ACT concerning State government.

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SENATE BILL NO. 3546. Introduced by Senator Landek, a bill for AN ACT concerning mental health.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3547. Introduced by Senator Bivins, a bill for AN ACT concerning law enforcement training.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3548. Introduced by Senator Bivins, 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. 3549. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT concerning child support.

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SENATE BILL NO. 3550. Introduced by Senator Dillard, 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. 3551. Introduced by Senator Dillard, 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. 3552. Introduced by Senator Sandack, 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. 3553. Introduced by Senator Duffy, 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. 3554. Introduced by Senator McCarter, a bill for AN ACT concerning medical malpractice litigation.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 3555. Introduced by Senator Trotter, 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. 3556. Introduced by Senator Muñoz, 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. 3557. Introduced by Senator Muñoz, 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. 3558. 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. 3559. Introduced by Senator Rezin, 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. 3560. Introduced by Senator Maloney, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

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SENATE BILL NO. 3561. 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. 3562. Introduced by Senator Syverson, 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. 3563. Introduced by Senator Forby, a bill for AN ACT concerning employment.

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SENATE BILL NO. 3564. Introduced by Senator Forby, 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. 3565. Introduced by Senator Koehler, 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.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 596

WHEREAS, The United States economy is experiencing the worst recession since the Great Depression in the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, At 26%, 2011 was the worst summer teen (16 to 19) employment rate in post-World War II history, with black and Hispanic youth being the hardest-hit groups; and

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2011, more than 2 million low-income youth were out of work and on the streets; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, 73% of all teens in Illinois were jobless; and

WHEREAS, The jobless rate of teens in Illinois rose from 50% in 2000 to 72% in 2011; black teen joblessness rose from 79% in 2000 to 88% in 2011, while Latino teen joblessness rose from 60% to 70%; and

WHEREAS, In Chicago, black teen joblessness was at 90% in 2010, Latino teen joblessness was at 81%, and white teen joblessness was at 76%; and

WHEREAS, From 1964 until its end in 2000, a separate summer youth employment program for over 750,000 low-income youth was in place; and

WHEREAS, Along with the short-term improvement in their earnings and income, teen employment has a variety of long-term benefits for youth; the more that teens work when they are 16 and 17, the more likely they are to work when they are 18 to 21 years old; teen employment also raises the average earnings of youth when they are 25 years old; and

WHEREAS, Teens who work are more likely to get trained by their employers via formal apprenticeship training; in addition, low-income youth who work more while attending high school, especially males, are less likely to drop out of high schools, and female teens who work more are less likely to get pregnant; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, the U.S. Congress and President Obama passed a \$787 billion stimulus for the

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economy, including \$1.2 billion for summer youth employment that employed over 330,000 jobless youth across the country; and

WHEREAS, There is a great need to continue the summer youth employment program during the summer of 2012, but there is no funding allocated for the program at this point; and

WHEREAS, In Congress, United States Representative George Miller has introduced H.R. 3425 and United States Senator Richard Blumenthal has introduced S. 1861, both of which are known as the Pathways Back to Work Act of 2011; the Act would allocate \$5 billion for summer and year-round employment, education, and training for disadvantaged youth and adults; this funding would allow teens and adults to earn money while they are producing meaningful work; these teens and adults would spend this money immediately, providing a direct economic stimulus to the U.S. economy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge President Barack Obama and Congress to pass the \$5 billion Pathways Back to Work legislation as soon as possible to create an employment program throughout the year and with a particular emphasis on the summer for 500,000 youth and adults, by combining education and productive work in their neighborhoods; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to President Barack Obama and the members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

WHEREAS, An estimated 4,000,000 individuals in the United States are infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV), and 75% of these individuals are unaware they are infected; and

WHEREAS, HCV is the leading cause of liver cancer and liver failure and the most common reason for liver transplantation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, HCV is 4 times more prevalent than HIV/AIDS and led to more than 15,000 deaths in the United States in 2007; 350,000 people die each year due to hepatitis C-related liver disease worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Two of every 3 people with chronic hepatitis C in this country are baby boomers born between 1945 and 1965 who were infected decades ago; and

WHEREAS, HCV disproportionately affects minorities; African Americans, who make up 14% of the population, account for 22% of HCV cases in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic community also bears a heavier burden; chronic HCV is more aggressive and carries a higher risk of cirrhosis for Hispanics than for any other ethnic group; and

WHEREAS, The costs for HCV patients are projected to more than double over the next 20 years, from \$30,000,000,000 to \$85,000,000,000 per year; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that, due to the prevalence and highly communicable nature of hepatitis, we urge the 112th Congress of the United States to enact the federal Viral Hepatitis Testing Act of 2011 in order to:

- (1) authorize testing programs with the goal of making 75% of infected people aware of their status by 2016;
- (2) authorize the development and distribution of public information about viral hepatitis detection and the control of infections;

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- (3) authorize better coordination of medical treatment and counseling so that infected people have access to the best services; and
- (4) improve the education, training, and skills of health professionals in the detection and control of viral hepatitis infections; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

At the hour of 1:32 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 9:30 o'clock a.m.