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PRESIDENT ROCK:

The hour of twelve-thirty having arrived, the Senate will please come to order. Will the Members be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer this afternoon by the Reverend Timothy Ahlgrim, Berean Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend.

THE REVEREND TIMOTHY AHLGRIM:

(Prayer given by the Reverend Timothy Ahlgrim)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Thank you, Reverend. Reading of the Journal, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journals of April 3, 4, 5, 6, 17 and 18, 1990.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Hall. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Hall. Any discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and it is so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator J. J. Joyce, Chairman of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendments No. 14, 72, 118, 119 and 151, Do Adopt. And House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment Number 4, Do Adopt.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.

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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 110.

It is congratulatory. And I have a like resolution <sic> on House Joint Resolution 112.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 955 offered by Senator Netsch.

Senate Resolution 956 offered by Senator Kustra.

Senate Resolution 957 offered by Senators Davidson and others.

Senate Resolution 958 offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

Senate Resolution 959, 960, 961 and 962 offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

Senate Resolution 963 offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Members.

And Senate Joint Resolution 159 offered by President Rock and Senator Philip.

They're all congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention for just a few moments. We have, as I'm sure everybody's aware, committees scheduled for one o'clock. So we will shortly be concluding our business. There's been a request to go to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading to deal with House Bill 34, which is that amending the Riverboat Gambling Program. But in the meantime, we have some special guests. They are participating in the International Community Leadership Program, and this is a pilot program for young adult leaders from Ireland. They are here in this country visiting, and I would like to

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introduce - and have him introduce his charges - Mr. Terry McClosky. Terry.

MR. TERRY McCLOSKY:

(Remarks and introductions by Mr. Terry McClosky)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 160 offered by Senator Philip.

It is congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. All right. With leave of the Body, we'll move to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. On the -- your Calendar, Page 5, Ladies and Gentlemen, is - on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading is House Bill 34. Read the bill, Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 34.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. House Bill 34, as amended, allows the Department and the State Police to enter into intergovernmental agreements and other -- with other state agencies to carry out the responsibilities under the Act. It also creates a wagering limit of five hundred dollars per round-trip excursions. And money collected from the issuance of special events license will be -- will be deposited into the State Gaming Fund and allow for the appropriation of funds from the State Gaming Fund to the Department of State Police for enforcement of this Act. Both the Department of Revenue and the

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Department of State Police will have administrative and enforcement responsibilities under the Act. This is a cleanup bill, and that portion as it relate to the five-hundred-dollar limit was something that was agreed on by the General Assembly - it should have been in the original bill when it passed. I know of no real opposition to such, and I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Is there any discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. There's a couple of things wrong with this bill at this point, in my estimation. Number one, I think Senator Topinka brought it up last time - the dedication of the funds to the Education Fund. I think even though that was something that we did agree upon -- really has some -- some problems with it, and I think it's something we should direct ourselves to and should take a little more time in trying to get this bill passed. That's a problem, because I think we're going to send the wrong message again to the public out there that we are taking care of the education woes of this State by virtue of gaming. But more important than that to me is the addition in here - even though Senator Jones is correct, there was an assumption that there was a five-hundred-dollar limit in this bill, but it was also an assumption that this was going to be good for economic development. At this point, as late as this morning, the State of Iowa and Governor Branstad said that they don't know how they are going to force -- enforce their two-hundred-dollar limit in Iowa. They're going to damn well try, but they don't know how they're going to do it. Well, I think that's more apparent in Illinois. Bill Conkle, the Chairman of the Board, has asked that we hold off on making a determination on the five-hundred-dollar limit. I think he is correct on that, and as sponsor of the bill, if I have

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misled anyone into thinking that - you know, the five-hundred-dollar limit is the way to go, I think we sold this bill from day one as economic development. I don't think that the five-hundred-dollar limit adds to economic development; and therefore, I would ask for a No vote on this bill.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Further discussion? If not, Senator Jones may close. Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. As I reiterate, this - these amendments that's been placed on this bill are amendments that was recommended by the Department of -- Revenue -- Revenue as well as the Office of the Governor. As -- as relates to the comments of the previous sponsor of the bill, and also his comments as it relates to the school -- that I had to part in. I'm just carrying this bill, and ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Question is, shall House Bill 34 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 40 Ayes, 7 Nays, 2 voting Present. House Bill 34, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 964 offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolution 965 offered by Senator Dudycz.

Senate Resolution 966, 967, 968 and 969 offered by Senator Dudycz.

They're all congratulatory.

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, any further announcements, or any further business to come before the Senate? We'll be -- going to be adjourning for the committees' meetings. Senator D'Arco.

SENATOR D'ARCO:

Yeah. Thank you, thank you, Mr. President. I would move to re-refer Senate Bill 2157 from the Committee on Transportation to the Committee on Elections.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator D'Arco has moved to re-refer Senate Bill 2157 from Transportation to Elections. Without objection, so ordered. Senator Marovitz.

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. The Judiciary Committee will meet today in Room 212 at one-fifteen. We have about eight/ten bills and a lot of witnesses down, so if the committee will be prompt, we'll start as soon as possible - around one-fifteen.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have only a couple of additional announcements from Senators Davidson and Berman. In the meantime, we have some very special guests who have joined us here in the Senate. I'd ask for your attention for a moment, and the Chair will yield to Senator Bill O'Daniel.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. It's -- it's with great honor this afternoon that I have the pleasure of introducing the Teutopolis Wooden Shoes. They're the Class A State Champions for three years in a row. They've won it, I think, four out of the last five times, and they have really an exceptional record, and it's -- it's really an honor to have them

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Koester and -- and ask him to introduce each one of the young ladies. Thank you.

COACH KOESTER:

(Remarks and introductions by Coach Koester)

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Thank you, Coach. I have a congratulating resolution for the coach and each of the players, and the manager and all of them. We're very proud of you, and I'm very honored to be representing Teutopolis in the Illinois Senate. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Marovitz has announced one-fifteen in Room 212 for Judiciary. Further announcements? Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. First I would ask -- I would move that we re-refer Senate Bill 1660 from the Committee on Higher Education to the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education. That deals with the administrators in elementary and secondary education only.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Berman has moved to re-refer Senate Bill 1660. Without objection, so ordered. Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Two announcements, Mr. President. Tomorrow morning, the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education will meet at 9:00 a.m. sharp. We hope to conclude our business before ten forty-five, so that the members of the committee and all Members of the Senate are cordially invited to the Holocaust Memorial Ceremony tomorrow morning at 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. tomorrow morning at the Old State Capitol - the Holocaust Memorial Ceremony. You're all cordially invited. I urge your attendance. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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Further announcements? Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The record should reflect that Senator Schuneman is absent today and this week as a result of illness.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Yes. The record will so reflect. And for those who don't know, Senator Schuneman was -- has been operated on. Senator Philip informs me that everything is going as well as can be expected, but you might say a prayer or two. Senator Davidson.

SENATOR DAVIDSON:

Mr. President, I would like to remind the Members of the Senate on a memo that on their desks. Those who want to attend the Governor's Prayer Breakfast on May 10th, please contact me. I need to know before next Thursday, if you're going to go, 'cause we're holding seats in the reserved area for you people, if you want to attend. They're eight-fifty. Please see me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I would like the record to reflect that Senator Savickas is not here today, due to personal business.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The record will so reflect. Any further business, further announcements? If not, Senator Vadalabene moves that the Senate stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 25th. Tomorrow at the hour of noon, Ladies and Gentlemen. Noon tomorrow. The Senate stands adjourned.

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