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PRESIDENT ROCK:

...Members be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Prayer this afternoon by Father Hugh Cassidy, Blessed Sacrament Church, Springfield, Illinois. Father.

FATHER HUGH CASSIDY:

(Prayer by Father Hugh Cassidy)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, December 1; Wednesday, December 2; and Thursday, December 3, 1992.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. 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. Is there 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. Message from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir - In compliance with provisions of the Constitution of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate bill that is returned by the Governor with specific recommendations for change.

Senate Bill 186.

Respectfully, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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That Message will be placed on the -- on the Calendar, Secretary's Desk. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to adopt the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1803 and requests a Second Committee of Conference to consider the differences between the two Houses in regard to Amendment No. 1.  
Action taken by the House, December 2, 1992.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Carroll will move that the Senate accede to the request of the House for a second conference committee. All in favor of that motion, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the Senate does accede to the request of the House. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1671 offered by President Rock.

Senate Resolution 1672 offered by Senator Severns.

Senate Resolution 1673 offered by Senator Smith and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1674 offered by Senator Leverenz.

Senate Resolution 1675 offered by Senator -- Senators Berman, Marovitz, Cullerton, President Rock and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1676 offered by Senator Di Turi and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1677 offered by Senator Di Turi and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1678 offered by Senator O'Daniel.

Senate Resolution 1679 offered by Senator Jacobs.

Senate Resolution 1680 offered by Senator Holmberg.

Senate Resolution 1681 offered by Senator Jacobs.

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Senate Resolution 1682 offered by Senator Di Turi and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1683 and 1684 offered by Senator Di Turi and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1685 offered by Senator Lechowicz, President Rock and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1686 offered by Senator Lechowicz, Senator Topinka, President Rock and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1687 offered by Senator Carroll.

Senate Resolution 1688 offered by Senator Carroll and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1689 offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolutions 1690, 1691, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1695, 1696 and 1697 offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolution 1698 (and 1699) offered by Senator Carroll and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1700 through 1707 offered by Senator Philip and all Members.

Senate Resolution -- pardon me, 1708 offered by Senator Rea.

(Senate Resolution 1709 offered by Senator Rea.)

Senate Resolution 1710 offered by Senator Rea.

Senate Resolution 1711 offered by Senator Woodyard.

Senate Resolution 1712 offered by Senator Woodyard.

And Senate Resolution 1713 offered by Senator Woodyard.

They are all congratulatory and death resolutions.

(Resolutions within parentheses submitted, but inadvertently not read into record.)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. Senator Weaver, do you wish to pursue your motion? Motions in Writing, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to discharge the Committee on Executive from further

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consideration of the House Joint Resolution 168, for the purpose of immediate consideration. Offered by Senator Weaver.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Joint Resolution 168 I've talked to many of you about; and it is in regard to the Board of Higher Education suggesting to institutions of higher education Statewide that they abandon certain courses of instruction that their board of trustees have approved - they've been approved by the Higher Board. In essence, what the Higher Board is to do is to review these programs at each institution throughout the years and make recommendations. So this is basically saying, stick with the ability that you've been given by the Statutes to make recommendations to the board of trustees. If anyone has any question about this - I was looking for -- I tried to get a hold of the Chairman. I guess he's not on the Floor, but I have talked to Senator Demuzio, and everyone in -- who represents an institution of higher education, I believe, and they're co-sponsors.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved to discharge the Committee on Executive from further consideration of House Joint Resolution 168, and asks for its immediate consideration. Discussion on the motion? If not, all in favor of the Motion to Discharge, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. Senator Weaver, on House Joint Resolution 168.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I explained the House joint resolution. If anyone has any questions, I'll be happy to try to answer them.

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All right. The Gentleman has moved the adoption of House Joint Resolution 168. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion -- the motion carries, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH:

Mr. President, I was asking - did we get a -- each get a copy of that resolution on our desks?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

I will make sure that's done, yes. If I can have the attention of the Body, WCIA-TV and Illinois Public Radio have requested permission to shoot some videotape and to record the Session, respectively. And a photographer from Pioneer Press requests leave to take some photographs. Without objection, leave is granted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1714 offered by Senator Demuzio and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1715 and 1716 offered by Senator Demuzio and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 1717 offered by Senator Topinka. They are all congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, there will be a Republican Caucus immediately in Senator James "Pate" Philip's Office.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. That request is in order. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention. There has been a request for a

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Republican Caucus immediately in Senator Philip's Office. The House has scheduled a memorial service for former Speaker Redmond at 2 o'clock. Senator Philip and I, and I'm sure all of you, have been invited to attend the service over in the House. We have -- based on our meeting this morning and prior meetings with the Governor, we have less than a dozen items to consider, some of which will be coming from the House. And so my suggestion is that we stand in recess until the hour of 3 o'clock. Hopefully by that time, the paper will have been processed and we can -- we have, in my judgment, less than a hour's work, once we get it all together. So we will stand in recess until the hour of 3 o'clock. The memorial service for Speaker Redmond is at 2 o'clock in the House, and the Republicans will caucus immediately in Senator Philip's Office. Senate will stand in recess until the hour of 3 o'clock.

(RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The hour of 3 having arrived, the Senate will please come to order. I would ask all the Members who are attending meetings or in their offices to please join us on the Floor. It is the Chair's intent, with concurrence by the House Leadership and the Senate Leadership, that we will be adjourning sine die at the close of today's business. And so, those who wish to have matters considered, I would encourage you to please join us on the Floor. There are a couple of conference committee reports at page 19 on the Calendar that Members have indicated they wish to pursue. In addition to that, the Secretary has distributed a Supplemental

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Calendar - Supplemental Calendar No. 1 - reflecting late House action on Senate bills, and also containing Senator Maitland's Motion to Accept the Specific Recommendations of the Governor. We expect there probably will be at least one - maybe two - additional Supplemental Calendars, but we're going to try to handle our business with some dispatch. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1045, together with House Amendments 1 and 2.

Passed the House, as amended, January 12, 1993.

I have like Messages on Senate Bill 1641, together with House Amendment No. 3, and Senate Bill 2177, together with House Amendments 1 and 3.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Secretary's Desk, Concurrence. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1718 offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1718)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, that is the resolution that, in fact, appoints the committee to approve the final Journals. I have a letter in front of me from Senator Vadalabene that is appointing the committees. I would move its adoption. Move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption.

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All right. The Gentleman has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 1718. Discussion on the Motion to Suspend? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Demuzio now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1718. Discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1719 offered by President Rock and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1920 <sic> (1720) offered by Senator Donahue.

Senate Resolution 1721 offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

Senate Resolution 1722 offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

Senate Resolution 1723 offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

And Senate Resolutions 1724 and 1725, both offered by Senator Topinka.

They're all congratulatory and death resolutions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, the State Journal-Register has asked permission to shoot some still photographs. Without objection, leave is granted. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Pursuant to Senate rule -- Senate Resolution 1718, the following Members are appointed as a Committee to approve the final Journals of the Senate of the 87th General Assembly: Senators Rock, Demuzio, Severns, Philip and Davidson.

Very truly yours, Senator Sam Vadalabene, Chairman of the Committee on Committees.

PRESIDENT ROCK:



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All right. WICS-Channel 20 and WAND-TV have both requested permission to videotape. Without objection, leave is granted. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can direct your attention to Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Senator Maitland, Specific Recommendations - do you wish to pursue that? On the Order of Supplemental Senate Calendar No. 1, there is a Motion in Writing with respect to Senate Bill 186. Madam Secretary, read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 186, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to Senate Bill 186

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Maitland.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 186 was a Conference Committee Report that we passed out of here in December, and with respect to one of the components of that Conference Committee Report, it was a -- the issue was a matter of timing. And because of the lateness of the time in which we did it, we've found that that -- that language was not going to work. The Governor's Office and the Department of Revenue caught this mistake and therefore the Governor has made this suggestion. And I would therefore, Mr. President, move that the Senate do accept the specific recommendations for change as suggested by the Governor.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 186. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate accept

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the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 186, in the manner and form just stated by Senator Maitland. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? All voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 186, having received the required constitutional majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. ...(machine cutoff)... Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can direct your attention to page 19 on the Calendar. Page 19 on the Calendar. We've had a request from at least two Members to go to the Order of Conference Committee Reports with respect to Senate Bill 250 and with respect to Senate Bill 1345. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR WATSON:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point, please.

SENATOR WATSON:

Well, as the Membership knows, each year we have an annual tennis tournament, and this year we were belated in getting our trophies for the winners of the particular tournament, but they just arrived yesterday. So I wanted to present those today to the receiving Members on the Senate Floor. The Southwestern Illinois Industrial Association, which Bob Walters, a former Representative, is the executive director, hosts this tournament each year, and many Members participate and we always have a good time, and we appreciate Bob and his group hosting that event for us. But this particular trophy's going to go to a retiring Member, one who has participated in the tournament, I believe, since its beginning, and one who has -- has won this trophy

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several times before. And we're going to miss him in the tournament. We certainly welcome him to come back at any time in the future. He's been an outstanding Member of this Body for many years, also a former Member of the House, Cal Schuneman. And I'd like to present Cal Schuneman with the trophy for winning the Legislative Tennis Tournament this year.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Schuneman.

SENATOR SCHUNEMAN:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. This is certainly an honor and a most unexpected pleasure, especially in view of the fact that I think we lost every game in that tournament. So -- but the Legislative Tennis Tournament has always had rules that are not generally accepted, and this year I'm thankful for it.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Madam Secretary, Members, if I can direct your attention again to page 19 on the Calendar. On the Order of Conference Committee Reports, Senator Berman has requested that we go to Senate Bill 250. Senator Cullerton has requested that we go to Senate Bill 1345. If any other Member has something they wish to pursue, please let the Chair know. On the Order of Conference Committee Reports, there's a Report with respect to Senate Bill 250, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Second Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 250.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 250 has come to us as a result of a number of requests from communities in Chicago - and I underline that this bill only applies to Chicago - where homeowners and

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residents of communities want to take legal action against unsafe or dangerous buildings that happen to be adjacent or down the block from them. And what this bill does, in some small but important way, is to allow that kind of community activity to make the communities more livable by allowing them to file lawsuits seeking the orders to compel owners to repair unsafe or dangerous buildings and to waive the filing fee requirements for those lawsuits. As I indicated, it's limited to Chicago only. Be glad to respond to any questions, and I solicit your Aye vote.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 250. Is there any discussion? Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Senator, it seems like in one of our committees last spring we had a similar effort, if not directly this effort, and one question I recall at the time having over this procedure was if, perchance, a frivolous lawsuit or an harassing lawsuit without basis in fact is filed by one citizen against another owner of a building, and it turns out that the -- there is no nuisance to be abated, but that the owner of the building has to come in, pay attorneys and defend and so forth - does this bill, in any way, remove the possibility of sanctions being filed against someone who files that kind of harassing or frivolous complaint?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

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The bill does not address that at all, and let me indicate that it's this sponsor's legislative intent that the sanctions that would exist for any improper, frivolous, nonmeritorious litigation would apply to this lawsuit, just like any other. All we're doing here is to allow the plaintiffs to get in the courthouse door a little easier. That's all.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 250. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And the voting is open. All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 250. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Cullerton, on 1345. Madam Secretary. On page 19 on the Calendar, Ladies and Gentlemen, at the bottom of the page, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports, there's a Report with respect to Senate Bill 1345. Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Second Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1345.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This Conference Committee Report passed the House, I believe, 91 to 3 last month when we were in Session, and we were unable to get to it at that time. What -- the legislation amends Section 19.6 of the Revenue Act, and it's meant to resolve an ambiguity regarding the taxation of municipal property which is leased to private entities. And what the bill does is to clarify that such property is subject to the leasehold tax, unless the lease expressly

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provides that the property would be subject to regular real estate taxes. The situation arises where a municipality entered into a lease with a private entity, with the understanding that the entity would be taxed under leasehold of State, and the municipality had filed for an exemption from the -- the State. But they also threw in the lease kind of a catchall phrase saying that the tenant shall be responsible for all taxes, and the Department of Revenue had interpreted that Section to negate the intent of the parties, that -- to be that the tenant would only be responsible for the leasehold taxes. So what this does is to clarify that the presumption is that the property is subject to the leasehold tax. If, however, the municipality wishes to state in the lease that the property is subject to regular real estate taxes, that certainly is their contractual right to do so. I think it makes sense. I did run this provision by the assessor's office up in Cook County to make sure they had no objections. The City of Chicago has no objections. And as I indicated, it passed the House 91 to 3. It simply stands for the proposition that the municipally owned leaseholds should be taxed as leaseholds.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1345. Discussion?  
Senator Rigney.

SENATOR RIGNEY:

I'd like to ask a couple of questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Rigney.

SENATOR RIGNEY:

Isn't it true that we've got over a million dollars riding on this particular issue, as things stand right now?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Cullerton.

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SENATOR CULLERTON:

Well, if you're talking about the specific situation that prompted the bill, I don't know what the -- the amount of the taxes are. I can tell you this: that no taxes - no property taxes - were paid. The issue is in litigation. The municipality thought that the leasehold taxes ought to be paid - not the full property taxes. And that is what the difference is. So there -- there still will -- I can't imagine the difference between the leasehold tax and the real property taxes are a million dollars. That might be the total tax bill, but not the difference between the two.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Cullerton. Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Rigney.

SENATOR RIGNEY:

All I know here, based upon some material I've received on our side of the aisle, is that there's a substantial body of opposition to this, and unless something has changed, it appears that the Municipal League, the Township Officials and some others are opposed to this particular piece of legislation. And as you have stated, Mr. Sponsor, it does appear that this is in court and -- in Cook County, and can be decided that way, rather than to come in here on the last day of our Session with something that has never come before our Revenue Committee. So I've got a lot of doubts as to whether we ought to be taking this kind of action this late in the Session.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Macdonald.

SENATOR MACDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this bill. I was the one that questioned this bill, and I think was one of the reasons that Senator Cullerton did not go through with this bill when we were here in December. Since that time, I have called and

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talked to Mayor Rotchford, who is the mayor of Prospect Heights. I have talked to the owners of the airport. I have not, as yet, been able to reach the mayor of Wheeling. But I think that this was inadvertently left out of the original contract, and that is wherein all the problem lay. This is a municipal airport. I don't believe that -- that property taxes should be charged in this way, and as far as I am concerned, I am supporting this particular piece of legislation for Palwaukee Airport in my district.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Question of the sponsor. Thank you, Mr. President. A question was raised by the Water Reclamation District as to whether or not these provisions might apply to their leasehold interests. Would you care to comment?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Right. Yes, thank you, Senator. First of all, I did talk with representatives of the Water Reclamation District. Their first concern, quite frankly, was whether or not there were going to have to be any refunds, and this bill was, I believe, carefully drafted so that the bill would -- the retroactive provisions would only apply to one situation, and that was a situation where no taxes were actually paid. So this would not bring about any refunds. And secondly, this legislation amends Section 19.6 of the Revenue Act, which talks about the taxation of municipal-owned property. And so I believe it does not affect their leases.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:



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Thank you, Mr. President. So, Senator Cullerton, we can say, for the record, that it is not the intent of this legislation to affect the leases of the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

That's correct.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

I, too, rise in support of this bill. It is a very site-specific bill, in most respects. It corrects an error that was in a contract, and I think, in the final analysis, it really will apply only to this one specific incident. So I would urge this Body to vote Aye.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you. I concur with what Senator Butler said, also. I think if any of us had a constituent that had a similar problem such as this, we would want it addressed in the manner that this is. I see no danger in voting for this bill.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Any further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Cullerton, you wish to close?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I just wanted to emphasize that this is something which any city in the State of Illinois should be in favor of. This gives them the option - continues to give them the option - to structure their leases any way they want, whether or not they want to have that

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property that they lease taxed as a leasehold tax or taxed as real property, but it does provide that the presumption would be a leasehold tax so that their original intent is not going to be thwarted by some interpretation later on by the Department of Revenue. So, for that reason, I think it's a good provision, and would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1345. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And the voting is open. 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 49 Ayes, 2 Nays, 1 voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1345, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On Supplemental Senate Calendar No. 1, Madam Secretary, we'll move to the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence. There are three Senate bills which the House today amended and sent back to us. ...(machine cutoff)...45. 1641. Senator Cullerton. On the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Senate Bill 1641, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1641.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This Motion to Concur - and I would move to concur with the House amendments - the House amendment is identical to Senate Bill 1950, which passed the Senate 52 to 6. The Governor amendatorily vetoed that bill by simply adding an immediate effective date. I believe Senator Donahue was the sponsor of that bill. And the Senate accepted the

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amendatory veto. Unfortunately, in the House, the House sponsor failed to call the motion for a vote. So, as a result, the bill died. So all this is, is the same thing as Senate Bill 1950, which the Senate passed. It deals with -- one provision deals with the Lottery, which would prohibit Lottery sales agents from charging a fee to redeem a winning ticket, which was a practice that the Lottery was concerned about. It also makes some minor adjustments to the Raffles Act, the Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act and the Charitable Games Act. I know of no opposition, and I would move to concur with the House amendments.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The Gentleman has moved to concur with House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1641. Discussion? Senator Donahue.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Very quickly, I concur in what the Senator has just said. This is -- was a snafu in the House. We've passed it over a couple of times. They just didn't get it filed, and I would move for its concurrence.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1641. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The Senate does concur with House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1641, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. 2177. Senator Welch. Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 2177.

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2177 does not do what it says on the Supplemental Calendar. The bill really has nothing to do with the Pesticide Act. What the bill will do is create the Employee Commute Options Act. This is a result of the Federal Clean Air Act. Under the Federal Clean Air Act, the State of Illinois has been mandated to reduce urban air pollution from mobile sources by submitting a State implementation plan for an employee trip-reduction program. And the way the State of Illinois is going to do this is as follows: Since Chicago was designated by the United States EPA as a severe nonattainment area for ozone, we have to file a State implementation plan. Due to delay in issuance of the federal guidelines, the complete State implementation plan submittal date was delayed in lieu of a committal State implementation plan. A commitment has been made by the State to comply with the U.S. EPA final rules, which have not been drawn up as of this date. The program is going to be administered by the Department of Transportation, not by the Department of -- Environmental Protection Agency. Currently, the law does not exist -- there does not exist in the law any funding mechanism for the implementation, but by law the Department of Transportation is prohibited from using any road funds from -- for this program. This bill has been agreed to by the Environmental Protection Agency, the City of Chicago, the Department of Transportation and the AFL-CIO, which had objected to passing the bill last month. The -- there is still some opposition from the Chicago Lung Association on the basis that it is inconsistent with the federal guidelines issued in December by the U.S. EPA, but there are still preliminary negotiations going on, as far as definitions. The program is going to require employers with over

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one hundred employees to comply in the reduction of their traffic coming to their business during the morning peak travel period, which is 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., by having employers of one hundred or more employees at a worksite implement a program to encourage multiple-employee vehicle occupancy. The program will be implemented by each employer submitting a plan to the State Department of Transportation. The State Department of Transportation can approve or reject the plan. If they reject the plan, they give a notice to the employer. The employer can appeal, and then the decision can be appealed to a normal circuit court proceeding. If not, the Department of Transportation can impose penalties or injunctive relief. We have some questions and answers that need to be read into the record for legislative intent. And I'd be glad to do that at this time. I think that may explain the bill even further.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved that the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 2177. Discussion? Senator Macdonald.

SENATOR MACDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of these amendments. And I would like to say that while there may be some problems with this, in the time that we adjourned for our caucuses, I had numerous people approach me - different businesses - to say that it was imperative for us to go forward with this particular piece of legislation at this time. So I think, in the best interest for the demands of the Federal Government and what we are mandated to do, that this is the very best bill that we can come up with. If there are problems in the future, they will have to be worked out. But at this particular time, it is very important for us to go forward with this piece of legislation.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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Further discussion? Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. The sponsor mentioned about the orchestrated question and answers, and I've got the questions, and I understand he has the answers. I'd like to deviate from this just a moment, Senator, and ask you a particular question about the impact that this has on what counties. I don't believe you mentioned that, and I would like to know if Madison and St. Clair County are impacted in this, because they do have ozone testing there of auto emissions in the metro-east area. Are they impacted?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator Watson, my understanding is that the counties impacted are in the Chicagoland area, not in Madison or St. Clair Counties.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, thank you, Senator. That's my understanding also. Now I will go ahead and proceed with the questions. Senator, for legislative purposes, may I ask a few questions?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Gentleman indicates he will yield, Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

On page 2, Section 10, in the definition of "average passenger occupancy", the drafters use the term "arriving". Is that term "arriving" meant to be "physically" reaching the designation <sic> at the worksite?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

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No, it means that the employee is presenting himself or herself for work that day. In other words, to submit himself or herself for work under the jurisdiction of that worksite during the peak travel time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you. So, let me give you an example: Employer X in its compliance plan has offered telecommunicating <sic> for Y number of employees. Those employees are to "arrive" at the worksite between the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., which under the draft is the peak travel period -- under this particular draft is the peak travel period. Are those employees to be calculated under the APO definition even though they are working at home under this telecommunicating <sic> transportation demand strategy?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Yes, those employees are presenting themselves for work under an authorized transportation demand strategy for APO calculations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

On page 3, Section 10 of the amendment, which is now the bill, under the definition of "worksite" it states: Worksite means a building or group of buildings located within an affected area which are in actual physical contact or separated only by a private or public roadway or other private or public right-of-way, and which are owned, operated, or leased by the same employer or by employers under a common control. Does this definition include, let's say, a McDonald's Corporation in Oak Brook, which has a multitude of buildings - in a cluster - if you would,

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separated by more than one private roadway, but clearly in an immediate area of each other as a possible one worksite?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Yes, it is clearly the intent of the drafters and the General Assembly that it is McDonald's option to include all of those buildings in that area as one worksite, or to separate each building and treat each building as an individual worksite, pursuant to this Act, or for that matter, to combine one or more buildings as one worksite and the remaining building or buildings as another worksite.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

What if a corporation has a cluster of buildings clearly in the immediate area of each other but separated by more than one public roadway and more than one private roadway?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

It is the intent of the drafters and the General Assembly that, at the option of the corporation, each building can be treated under this Act as an individual worksite or as one worksite, or a group of buildings as one worksite.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

On page 4, Section 20, paragraph (d), it requires an affected employer to return a completed APO survey to the Department. Since an employer cannot require each employee to fill out a voluntary survey form, how are employees who do not inform the



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employer how he or she arrives at the worksite to be calculated by an affected employer?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

For purposes of calculating the APO under Section 20(d), the affected employer will treat those employees who do not complete the survey proportionate to the employees that did complete the survey. In other words, if an affected employer has seventy percent of its employees filling out the survey, and half of the employees drive by themselves to work, then the survey submitted to the Department will treat one-half of the remaining thirty percent of the employees who did not complete the internal corporate surveys as having driven to work by themselves. We are calling it "drive alone".

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

On page 5, Section 25, you set up a procedure for calculating the "average vehicle occupancy" for the affected area. Do you have any ideas as to that potential AVO?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Yes, in a letter from the Chicago Area Transportation Study Commissions to Secretary of Transportation Kirk Brown on November 25, 1992, the Executive Director stated - I quote: "the Chicago AVO is 1.169, suburbs 1.1285 and overall for the region 1.1421, representing a 3.46 percent differential."

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

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On page 5, Section 3 -- I beg your pardon. On page 5, Section 30, paragraph (b) <sic>, the draft states that an affected employer may elect to comply with the provisions of the Act by participating - and then to go on - does the word "may" in the first line of that subsection mean it's totally at the discretion of the affected employer?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Yes, it does. The Department cannot make an -- affected employer participate in a consolidated compliance plan. It's the sole discretion of the affected employer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

On page 7, Section 45, paragraph (a), it reads that each affected employer shall submit a compliance plan, and then it sets out a time frame. If the affected employer has shown that <sic> its "renewal survey" that it has reached an APO of at least a hundred and twenty-five percent of the AVO and described in its renewal survey the transportation demand management strategies it will utilize in maintaining that APO - does the affected employer still have to file a "renewal compliance plan" under Section 45, also?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

No. It is the intent that the renewal survey will be treated just as the original survey description under Section 20(d). The affected employer will not have to file a renewal compliance plan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

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SENATOR WATSON:

Lastly, I would like to discuss the intent of Section 13, paragraph (f) on page 8. That subsection is describing the maximum aggregate total amount of fees to which an affected employer shall be subject. This bill states that the fee shall be no greater than ten thousand dollars for the initial filing of the survey and five thousand dollars for each subsequent biennial filing for employees of five or more worksites. Let me give you a couple of examples - hypothetically. If the Hyatt Corporation has six hotels in the affected area, what is the maximum fee?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Under that scenario, the Hyatt Corporation will pay ten thousand dollars for the initial filing of the survey, and five thousand dollars for each subsequent filing of the survey.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

What if it would be the Jewel Company with one hundred stores?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

The answer would be the same. They would pay ten thousand dollars for the initial filing of the survey, and five thousand dollars for each subsequent filing of the survey.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

How about Northwestern University with, let's say, ten worksites?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

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Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

The answer would be the same.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

How about McDonald's with two hundred worksites in an affected area?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

The answer would be the same.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Lastly, how about the City of Chicago and, let's say, one hundred worksites, which include police precincts, streets, sanitation sites? Or for that matter, the County of DuPage, which may have more than five worksites?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Each affected employer, whether it be the County of DuPage, Cook County, Northwestern University, the City of Chicago, McDonald's, Edison, the Hyatt Corporation or even the United States Federal Government, or whatever, is completely capped at the maximum. Each affected employer will pay no greater than ten thousand dollars for the initial filing of the survey, and five thousand dollars for each subsequent biennial filings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

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Thank you, Senator, for your cooperation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further discussion? Senator Palmer.

SENATOR PALMER:

Thank you, Mr. President. A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Palmer.

SENATOR PALMER:

Senator Welch, I'm looking at our analysis, and it indicates that there is opposition from the Chicago Lung Association, because it is their sense that this language is inconsistent with the federal guidelines issued in December by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Is there a reason that we have to pass this today? Will there be any consequences, if any, if we do not pass the bill today?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator, my understanding -- that we are already tardy in passing this legislation, and currently the U.S. Government could impose sanctions upon the State, particularly withholding money from our transportation plan, should we not pass legislation to do this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Palmer. All right. Further discussion? Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Senator, are we talking about a two-zone bill here?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

No, Senator, just one zone.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Well, according to our analysis, it says here that -- provides for a one-zone plan on the condition that the difference between the reduction target, known as the "average vehicle occupancy", under a one-zone is no greater than ten percent higher than the average vehicle occupancy under a two-zone plan. Should the difference be greater than ten percent and a two-zone plan be required, the City of Chicago would be designated as one zone and the remaining affected area - suburban Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will and portions of Grundy and Kendall - would be designated as a separate zone. Is that true or not true?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator, what you said is true. The bill initially, though, provides for one zone, and it provides for a one-zone plan on the condition that the difference between the reduction target under a one-zone plan is no greater than ten percent higher than the AVO under a two-zone plan. So it's initially intended to be one zone.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Is there ever any way that a county such as DuPage, which has been in compliance now with the air emissions testing for the past three years and has had no violations whatsoever for the past three years, can ever get out from underneath this thing? Or are

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we stuck forever with this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

I think that under the Clean Air Act, the entire Chicagoland area is designated as a noncompliance area. And for that reason, all the counties in the Chicagoland area are grouped together. They haven't differentiated, I don't believe, based on the borders of Cook County or the borders of the City of Chicago as to where the pollution is created. It is anticipated that -- and I believe that the purpose of including the metropolitan area is that commuters begin in the suburban counties, travel along the highways through the City of Chicago, and the cars from the suburbs come into one major grouping in the downtown area, which happens to be in Cook County. So if you include reduction of air pollution in the City of Chicago, in order to do that, you have to start out with where the cars come from, and the majority, or a great number of cars, come from the suburban area.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Senator Welch, during your dialogue with Senator Watson, I had an opportunity to read the analysis, and I found it interesting - the issue of whether or not we're in compliance right now, if we are under the gun, you know, with the Clean Air Act. It turns out that we were supposed to pass a State implementation plan by November 15th, but that the U.S. EPA did not even issue their final guidelines until December. And as a result of their guidelines, they delayed this submittal date, and they said that they want a commitment by the State to comply with the final rules and a committal State implementation plan within twenty-four months after they promulgate their final

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rules. So that, as a result, there really isn't a great need to rush into this proposal. And then further, the analysis indicates that the U.S. EPA admits that it erred in preliminarily approving proposed definitions of "AVO" and "APO" and "vehicle" and that that, however, is included in this draft of this bill. And that's one of the reasons why the -- the Chicago Lung Association opposed the language -- that they said that the EPA could end up looking at this proposal, saying that it watered down the original intent -- the intent of the original legislation, and that this might be rejected by the U.S. EPA, and the State would then fall further behind in its efforts to implement the Clean Air Act. So I wanted to give you an opportunity to address those concerns, because that appears to be a major objection to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further discussion? All right. If not, Senator Welch may close.

SENATOR WELCH:

Well let me just say that definitions issued by the United States EPA - in response to Senator Cullerton's question - were admitted by the U.S. EPA to have been in error. They are correcting those, and we believe that they will be corrected according to the guidelines set forth in this legislation - it is my understanding. There was a deadline of November 15th the EPA imposed. However, the sanctions, I think, are going to come over road funds, not on environmental funds, coming to the State. So there's a difference between the two departments. The Federal Clean Air Act is something that we have to comply with, and I know that the Chicago Lung Association is opposed to it. However, I do believe that the -- we have received support of the State EPA and -- and the AFL-CIO and some other groups. A number of the business groups support it. Since the Clean Air Act is -- is brand new in 1992, what we're looking at is a number of different



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states trying to comply with that Clean Air Act, and every state is stuttering as they go forward. What we hope here is to get this on the books, start the State in compliance, and I think it would be easier to amend the bill later, rather than hold it up and not have any bill on the books at all. I think that this is a step forward for the State of Illinois. It's an idea whose time has come, and I think it's something that we should pass. And I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Question is, shall the Senate concur with House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 2177. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 37, the Nays are 9, none voting Present. The Senate does concur with House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 2177. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, 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 169.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the

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passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 2101, together with House Amendment No.

3.

Passed the House, as amended, January 12, 1993.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Secretary's Desk.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has accepted the Governor's specific recommendations for change, which are attached, to a bill of the following title, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 3325.

I am further instructed to deliver to you the objections of the Governor which are contained in the attached copy of his letter to the House of Representatives.

Adopted by the House, January 12, 1993.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

That'll all be on the next Supplemental. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1726 offered by Senators Fawell, Karpel, Philip, Topinka, Hudson, Mahar and Etheredge.

And Senate Resolution 1727 offered by President Rock, Senator Philip and all Members.

One is congratulatory and one is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Joint Resolution 196 offered by Senator Demuzio and all Members.

It is congratulatory.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator O'Daniel moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 196 -- moves to suspend the rules for immediate consideration and adoption. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Rules are suspended. Senate Joint Resolution 196. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Joint Resolution 196 - a congratulatory resolution - has been adopted. Just stand at ease for a moment. We'll load the next Supplemental, momentarily. With leave of the Body, Supplemental Calendar No. 2 has been passed out. ...(machine cutoff)...Rock. Supplemental 2. All right. On the Order of Supplemental No. 2, Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, is Senate Bill 2101. Senator Dart. Madam Secretary, please. Senate Bill 2101.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2101.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Dart.

SENATOR DART:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2101 is a bill which is similar to Senate Bill 250, which just passed, with a couple additional provisions. It has some provisions in there which deal solely with the City of Chicago, and it deals with the problems of the increasing number of abandoned houses that have been used by gangs for drug houses and the like. It deals with buildings that are an immediate hazard to the community, and it deals with expediting the process they can go through for demolition. The bill itself is -- as I mentioned, deals only with the City of Chicago. It is supported by the Chicago Realtors. It was supported by all the legislative leaders today, and it passed the House 96 to nothing. I could go on at length about this. I'd be available to answer any questions. But

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it's a very good bill, which is rather straightforward. It's gotten unanimous support, and I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Discussion? Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

When this bill left the Senate, it related to raising the bid limits for the City of Chicago from ten thousand to twenty-five thousand. Was that completely deleted and so forth?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Dart.

SENATOR DART:

Been deleted. It's all gone.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

So all you're asking for then is the right to demolish the buildings and serve notice within a hundred and twenty days and go after them. Okay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further discussion? Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Question to the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

He indicates he will yield. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Under the demolitions of these buildings, I have a case in point in my district. Lady had a building, and she had a brand

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new back porch put on. And she was not notified that they were going to take her building down. What precautions are you taking - measurements are you taking - before you seek to tear these buildings down? Are you doing a thorough search to find out if anyone has those buildings are seeking to renovate those buildings at all?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Dart.

SENATOR DART:

There's numerous notice provisions - particularly, there's three - in addition to the fact that these are buildings that have already gone through numerous notice provisions to the owners and the like, and they have failed to respond to these. In addition to the ones that are already in the law, this adds three additional ones which would be a notice that would be placed on the door, publication and one other form of notice as well. There's plenty of notice given in this situation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

This lady has a case in court right now in Chicago, and she was repairing that building, and they tore the building down. And so my question to you is that - are you really going to -- are you really, in doing -- tearing these buildings down, that you're going to investigate thoroughly...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Dart.

SENATOR SMITH:

...before doing such? Because I'd like to ask -- follow this up with you personally.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Dart.

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SENATOR DART:

Yes. There is going to be -- there's going to be extensive notice procedures, and there'll be people investigating this at length to make sure that there are -- nobody there. These are open and vacant buildings - no doors, no windows on them - that are vacant prior to it, and there's no one that's been living in these buildings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Smith. All right. Further discussion? Senator Dart may close.

SENATOR DART:

This is a very good bill that has been necessitated by a lot of the problems we've had with the vacant property throughout the City of Chicago. It's a good bill, and I'd ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

The question is, shall the Senate concur with House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2101. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 53, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The Senate does concur with House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2101. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Conference Committee Reports is House Bill 3188. Senator Jones. Madam Secretary, House Bill 3188, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3188.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. The First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3188 is really a

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clean-up bill. It authorizes a real estate broker to employ both buyer and agents and sellers -- agents in a single firm. It clarifies the real estate license may be earned for a specific continuation education course only once during the renewal period, and it revises the grandfather exemption for the continuing education provision Act. It is basically a clean-up bill, and I move that we adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3188.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Is there discussion? Senator Madigan.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to point out to this side that I did not -- my signature does not appear on the Conference Committee Report, and while we were -- this Report was circulated and filed while we were in caucus. And I have no problem with this language and would rise in support of the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3188.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Is there further discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3188. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 53, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3188. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 1796. Senator Dunn. Senate Bill 1889. Senator Hall. Senator Hall. ...(machine cutoff)...Dunn, do you wish to have this bill called? Senate Bill 1796, then, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1796.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Dunn.

SENATOR T. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I yield to Senator Luft...the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Luft.

SENATOR LUFT:

Thank you, Mr. President. The last time we were here in the fall there was an agreement between the Governor's Office and the Legislative Bodies on TIF. Everybody was on board. However, in the drafting of that Conference Committee Report, there were numerous errors that have been corrected - technical errors - in this Conference Committee Report, the biggest one of which - and the reason that we had to pass this now - was, in the earlier bill, it called for the distribution of the nine million dollars that was agreed upon for TIFs to be distributed by December 31. Unfortunately, the Governor didn't sign the bill till after December 31. This allows now for a sixty-day from date of signing, which would be in the month of March, for the distribution of that nine million dollars to the various TIF districts. I'd attempt to answer any questions; otherwise, I'd move for the adoption of Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1796.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1796. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 53, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1796. And the bill, having received the required



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constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1889.  
Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Second Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1889.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.  
1889 amends the Public Aid Code and regards noncompliance.  
Restores the ten-day noncooperation grace period for AFDC families  
who are otherwise eligible for aid abolished during the Spring  
Legislative Session in Senate Bill 1783. I, at this time, will  
yield to the President, who will carry it from there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.  
I think the Senate will recall, because we debated this in the  
First Conference Committee Report back in December, and the  
subject matter of concern is the fact that there are some who are  
dropped off of the Public Aid rolls through no fault of their own.  
They might not have received a notice for a meeting that was  
scheduled by the Department. I'm sure everyone is painfully aware  
that some of the mail is pilfered in some of these areas,  
particularly Public Aid mail, and from time to time they just  
simply don't understand the instructions. And so what happens is,  
they are lopped off the rolls and then thirty, or sixty, or ninety  
days later, they are reinstated, because they have not, in any  
way, become ineligible. The Department started -- at the bequest  
of the -- at the request of the General Assembly a couple of years  
ago, we negotiated for an entire Session with the Department and  
finally established that there would be granted to the recipient a

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ten-day grace period. Last year, in our stampede to find additional cash, this was one of the elements that was considered because, obviously, if you're lopping people off the rolls, your cash flow is enhanced. The cost of this bill, if you talk in terms of cost, is roughly four million dollars net to the State; however, that cost far, far exceeds the pain and suffering that we inflict needlessly on people when we drop them off the Aid to Dependent Children rolls. The Department is well aware of this. I'm not sure they have any serious objection. It was dropped out at -- almost, in my judgment, inadvertently by this Assembly. We debated it in December, and there was an immediate effective date. And Senator Maitland took me to task because of the cost involved. We have now established that it will be effective July 1 of this year. So there really isn't any fiscal impact for this fiscal year, but certainly there will be for next year. This problem was brought to our attention by the Legal Aid Foundation, the Legal Assistance Foundation, who every day literally has to deal with people who, for no fault of their own, have been summarily dropped from the Public Aid rolls. And I would ask your favorable consideration, and I would solicit an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Second Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1889. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 45, the Nays are 5, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Second Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1889. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

On Supplemental Calendar No. 2, on the Order of Motions in

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Writing, there is a Motion in Writing to Accept the Governor's Specific Recommendations for Change with respect to House Bill 3325. Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3325, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to House Bill 3325

In Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The -- House Bill 3325 -- when it left here, it created a new program - the Young Farmer Guarantee Program - as part of the existing -- I'm sorry - it was separated from the existing Agribusiness Guarantee Program. The Governor didn't want to commit any additional financial resources to this new program. And so through the technical language, what he is doing is, he is making that new program - that Young Farmer Guarantee Program that we just did here a few weeks ago - part of the existing program. And therefore there isn't any additional liability for this program; that they could use whatever resources that they have to fund or make do with both. I know of no opposition, and would ask for your support.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved that the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3325. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3325, in the manner and form just stated by Senator Demuzio. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And

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the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3325, having received the required constitutional majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. We are again awaiting a -- yet another Supplemental Calendar, so I'd ask you to please be patient. We're moving the paper as fast as we get it. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1842, together with House Amendments 1 and 4.

Passed the House, as amended, January 12, 1993.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Secretary's Desk, Concurrence.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has accepted the Governor's specific recommendations for change, which are attached, to a bill of the following title, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 3815.

Adopted by the House, January 12, 1993.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Secretary's Desk. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can direct your attention to Supplemental Calendar No. 3. I would also like to inform the Body that there will be a Supplemental 4,

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which will contain those two Messages that were just read in from the House and two additional conference committee reports. And there probably will be a Supplemental 5 with one or two remaining items. So my guess is we are yet an hour away from concluding our business. And it is still the intent of the Chair in both Houses to adjourn the 87th General Assembly sine die, so that tomorrow will be fully devoted to the beginning of the 88th Assembly. Supplemental Calendar No. 3, Madam Secretary, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports, there's a Report with respect to House Bill 1918. Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1918.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1918 amends the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Act to create a low waste -- Low-Level Radioactive Waste Task Group, consisting of the directors of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy and Natural Resources, the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety and four members designed <sic> by the Governor on a basis of their expertise. As you know, this bill will enable the State of Illinois to begin moving forward immediately to fulfill its responsibilities under federal law to develop a low-level radioactive waste disposal facility. And of course, as you know, after the Martinsville site was rejected last fall, we did, in fact, fall behind in our responsibility of forming some sort of a siting commission, and we removed much of the old site selection process in that bill. And this Conference Committee Report has been reviewed by the Department and contains many of their recommendations. And the proposal just basically indicates

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that the task force will develop criteria for selection of a site of a facility. And I think those words pretty much spell out the fact that this is a bill that will be continually evolving and continually having input of public information and -- and the ability to change what needs to be in this bill, but we do have to get started. In 1980 we were given the charge by the Federal Government to start moving. Every day the clock is ticking, the dollar amounts are increasing to continue to send our low-level waste to South Carolina and to Washington. And most of you have on your desk a couple of newspaper items in regards to the cost and how it continues to go up. And I think it's time that we make a move. This is a first step in that direction. I ask for your support, and be happy to try to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Is there any discussion? The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the Conference Committee. Discussion? Senator Macdonald.

SENATOR MACDONALD:

Yes, Mr. President, thank you. I stand in support of this Conference Committee Report. The Department of Nuclear Energy has been on Illinois' case for some time now because we are no further than we have arrived at this particular point. This may not be the perfect vehicle, the perfect bill, to accomplish everything that you will want to accomplish in the future, but this certainly starts us in a positive direction. It will obviously take another couple of years before this entire problem has been resolved. But I certainly agree with Senator Jacobs that it is time for us to get going. And if there have to be fine-tuning adjustments made, I certainly trust the 88th General Assembly to accomplish that end. So I stand in support of this piece of legislation.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Woodyard.

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SENATOR WOODYARD:

Thank you Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Would the sponsor yield for a few questions?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Senator Jacobs, it's my understanding that by changing to this process, it would still take between three to four years to -- to actually do a siting. What is the urgency about bringing this kind of -- piece of legislation to this Body at this late hour?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I think -- I think the question begs its own answer, because it is going to take three or four years that the imposition should start now. That we should start the procedure now and -- and it's -- I think it's necessary now, Senator, mainly because we removed any siting process whenever we did 318, and I think that is the main reason why we need to get this thing going now; it's a starting base. And I understand some of your concerns that you have, and some of those concerns I'm sure will have to be worked on as we go down the pike on this bill. But I think your question is well put, but I -- I think that it clearly shows that by your -- the -- the question itself means that we should start now. We've had since eighty - we're under the gun - our costs are going up every day. Every day that we don't do something, the cost of transportation and delivery of this product gets greater and

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greater, and I think that's why we need to start now.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Well, thank you, Mr. President, and again, I hate to drag this out, but doesn't -- isn't this a dramatic departure from the siting process as we've known it in the past, and doesn't this circumvent the approval of a unit of local government? Because in -- in this bill, you basically say that a farm owner, or a landowner can submit a tract of land for approval to this commission. So doesn't this really circumvent a unit of local government having to approve the site?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Well, first of all, Senator, you know, I -- I would probably disagree and -- and tell you that the siting process for this particular type of -- of -- of project has been in shambles and probably needs a lot of repair. But -- but I think more candidly, that there is a -- a period in here where there is a open dialogue for public access of information and for public comment, that would appear also to those municipalities. Yes, there is a -- a -- a drastic department <sic> - if you will - from the old standard, where the municipality and over the county made its decisions. That's been part of the failure process of this particular type project. However, there's still input, and in your scenario, yes, he could make that presentation, but they still would have to fulfill all of the qualifications that the task force would put forth.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:



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Thank you, Mr. President. Well -- well, again I think the answer is a unit of local government that would oppose this siting. Although there is provisions for comment, the final decision would not have to have the approval of that unit of local government, and let me give you an example. I see nothing in this Conference Committee Report which would prevent and preclude the siting of this low-level radioactive waste site at Martinsville. I don't think there is any in there; there's just no protection to do that. Another question: Do you have any idea who this quote quote defined contractor will be that the Department would be contracting with? Who is this going to be?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

It's my understanding it would be Chem Nuc.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Well, it's my understanding that it would probably be Chem Nuclear. And -- and, Senator Jacobs, in the grants that are provided for that would be awarded by the Department to the ten -- ten sites, where's the money going to come from for those grants, and does anybody have any idea how much money you're talking about granting to the possibility of up to ten site locations?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Senator, it's my understanding that the maximum fee - or the maximum would be five hundred thousand dollars for each site, so that would - if my arithmetic is correct, that would be five million dollars. And it's my understanding that the -- the availability of dollars - and correct me if I'm wrong - to -- hold

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on one second. It's still a negotiated fee, as I understand it, with the utility, Senator.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Well, in other words, that is not set forth up to five hundred thousand within the Conference Committee Report, and it would depend probably on appropriations or whatever fees are left over from the nuclear generating stations that created the characterization funds. So -- because we repealed the collection of -- of those fees last -- last spring. And I guess maybe -- maybe a last question: Is it true that the Governor and the Governor's Office is neutral on this particular Conference Committee Report?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Yes, Senator, it's my understanding that the Governor is neutral on this Report in response to -- to the other fees, so if you remember, in 318 those fees were -- were done away with, up through this year; in '92 through '96, however, those fees are still collectible.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. Again, to the Membership of the Senate: I just strongly resent the Department and - and I certainly don't blame my good friend, Senator Jacobs, on this - but I do resent the Department bringing forth this kind of legislation here when we're ready to adjourn sine die before too awfully long. I guess I'm the only legislator in this Body that over the past four years have gone through the process and -- and

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the anxiety and the emotional trauma that occurred in a tiny little town down in my district called Martinsville. And if you think this piece of legislation could not put that same kind of -- of emotional trauma into your districts, I'll guarantee you it's highly likely that that will happen, and I certainly would urge a No vote on this Conference Committee Report.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Any further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Jacobs, to close.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen. I just really ask for a -- a Aye vote, but before I do, let me just say that -- that really, we should have learned from Martinsville, and I agree with my good friend, Senator Woodyard, but that site was eventually deemed to be flawed, but that process dragged out for five years, costing eighty-five million dollars, so the old system didn't work; we need to put a new one into effect, and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1918. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay, and the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? 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 30 Ayes, 21 Nays, 2 voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1918, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Woodyard, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Verification.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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Gentleman has requested a verification. That request is in order. Senator Woodyard has requested a verification. Will the Members please be in their seats. Madam Secretary, please read the affirmative roll.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

The following Members voted in the affirmative: Barkhausen, Berman, Carroll, Collins, Cullerton, Dart, del Valle, Demuzio, Di Turi, Dunn -- Thomas Dunn, Garcia, Hall, Holmberg, Jacobs, Jones, Joyce, Kelly, LaPaille, Lechowicz, Leverenz, Luft, Macdonald, Marovitz, Philip, Rigney, Severns, Smith, Topinka, Welch and Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Woodyard, do you question the presence of any Member?

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Yes, Mr. President. Senator Barkhausen.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

On the Floor.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Okay. Senator Jones.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

On the Floor.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Senator Marovitz.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

On the Floor. No further questions? All right. The roll has been verified. On that question, there are 30 Ayes, 21 Nays, 2 voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1918, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can direct your attention, the -- being passed out now is Supplemental Calendar No. 4. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can direct your attention to Senate

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Supplemental Calendar No. 4. This very well might be, could be, should be, the last calendar we will address. Immediately after Supplemental 4 we will go to the Order of Resolutions. We have a number of resolutions congratulating all of us who are -- will not be returning for the 88th Assembly. We have a death resolution in memory of Speaker Redmond. The Chair wishes to inform the Membership that just a few moments ago I was again advised that the Pension Bill may be -- still be in the Reference Bureau, if you can believe that, and so it does not seem that it will be timely received. We will begin on the top on Supplemental No. 4. 1842. House Bill 714. Senator Hawkinson. On the Order of Conference Committee Reports, there's a report, Madam Secretary, with respect to House Bill 714.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 714.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Move the adoption of the Conference Committee Report -- the First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 714, which is the Public Library District Act. It is a rewrite of the Public Library District Act. I reluctantly bring it to the Body at this late date, because normally I think these things ought to go through the full committee process. I can tell you, however, that there appears to be no disagreement over this rewrite; most of it is technical. The parts that are substantive - and I will read through the list of these changes that you will find in your analysis - are codifications of the case law that has been governing the public library acts, and they've been working on this. It comes through us -- through the Illinois Library Association, and I've been advised, has been signed off by all the affected parties, including the Municipal League. It adds a

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comprehensive list of definitions, specifies addresses for notice, provides that every ordinance contain an effective date, clarifies the language regarding the intent of two libraries to merge, adds the offices of vice president and treasurer to the Library District Act, requires reporting a vacancy on the board, and when it is filled, to the county clerk and the State Librarian. It clarifies case law regarding language concerning votes of absentees and abstentions; clarifies that the board hires the administrator and that the administrator hires staff; clarifies appropriate education of residents prior to referendum; clarifies audit requirements; clarifies how tax moneys are to be kept, transferred and expended; and permits the vacating of building and maintenance levies rather than to hold a referendum to vacate a levy. I'm advised it contains no new tax authority, and is basically a codification of the case law and a rewrite -- technical rewrite of the Public Library District Act. I'd be happy to try and answer your questions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved -- has moved the adoption of the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 714. Discussion? If not, the question -- question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 714. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay, and the voting is open. 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 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 714, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Severns, on 3650. Madam Secretary, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports, there's a report with respect to House Bill 3650, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3650.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This Conference Committee Report simply reverses the Purchasing Act changes contained in Senate Bill 1783, that we passed out of the General Assembly last spring. It, coupled with the blue-ribbon committee that we passed earlier in the fall Veto Session, I think addresses the concerns that have been raised during the course of the summer, and would at least address the more immediate concern of raising the threshold amount from five thousand dollars to twenty-five thousand dollars on no-bid contracts. I expect that with the bipartisan blue-ribbon committee that is in the process of being appointed by the four leaders - and I know Senate President Rock has already appointed his - that we in the General Assembly will be able to produce a purchasing -- a Purchasing Act that is both responsible and one that we can get behind and support with the spring language. This simply puts us back to where we were prior to June 30th. Senator Topinka has joined me in sponsorship, among others, and I would welcome any questions and appreciate your support.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Lady has moved the adoption of the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3650. Discussion? Senator Topinka.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Yes, and very briefly, Mr. President. Since we, I think inadvertently, took this out when we had that rather massive bill at the end of Session which cut the budget and made all sorts of changes, and I -- you know, it was done in the last five minutes of Session, if we don't put this back, really our ability for

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oversight is -- is -- is almost nil. And it's a very responsible thing to do, and if we could get this back into the law - I think we've made those promises to the public, to the press, to providers, to everybody and all concerned - this would give us a chance to deliver on that promise.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

Well, I just wanted to point out that the Department of Central Management indicates that passage of this bill would -- and the repeal of the earlier bill, would incur a -- an expense of some four hundred and twenty-nine thousand dollars, and they argue - I think with eloquence - that -- let's give the blue-ribbon committee a chance to work. If we go back to the status quo, there's going to be no incentive to change, and there will be no attempt to streamline. Sometimes you just have to go forward and we have to take a little heat, if the idea makes sense.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Well, thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I -- I agree with Senator Schaffer: I think we are overreacting here to some criticism from -- from some groups and -- and some in the media who simply didn't understand what we are about here. This thing is much deeper than what we see on the surface. And again I -- I echo what Senator Schaffer has said: There has been a blue-ribbon committee appointed to discuss and consider and debate the entire Act - entire Act. Changing horses in the middle of the stream, Senator, you and I both know is going to cost the State money, and we ought not be about that. You are viewing this in a -- in a way that you believe is proper and just, that it is -- the State is being hurt by the current language.



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That simply is not the case. Let's let the blue-ribbon committee move forward, and then react accordingly.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

I had a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Sponsor indicates she will yield, Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator Severns, included in this Conference Committee Report is a provision that the public radio and television stations eligible for the Comptroller's Grant Program include those authorized under a program test authority by the FCC. Could you tell me who we're including in this bill, and what that refers to?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Quite frankly, Senator, I don't have any idea where the language came from.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Well, I think that speaks volumes about this entire program, because we're spending - according to my analysis - over four million dollars a year on twenty-one public television and radio stations with a projected 4.3 million dollars available for the current fiscal year. Now we've been looking around for nickels and dimes throughout our budget for the last two years, and, Senator Severns, you have been one who has looked probably harder than anybody, and I just wonder why we are making this four million dollars available for public TV and radio. This whole election this last year was about special interest groups, and

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this seems to me to be a special interest group that has escaped our attention. Nobody wants to talk about the public radio stations, because we all live and die on free publicity in this Chamber, and I think that we probably should know what this means, and I would hope if anybody here knows what that refers to, they would let us know. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Sponsor indicates she will yield, Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Has this Conference Committee Report been called in the House yet?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

I'm not sure.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Might I answer that for you? The answer is yes, and it failed. So why are we doing this?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Senator, I simply -- I've been in -- on the Floor in this Senate and I've not been over to the House Chamber. I didn't know that they'd already acted on this Report. Are -- are you certain this was the number, or was it another one that had difficulty earlier?

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

I am never certain ever of anything. But I think that maybe we ought to hold it till you find out whether they have or not, whether I'm right or you're right. Okay?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Senator DeAngelis, I have a transcript; you made the same speech in 1986. Let's hold the State Procurement Bill. This is 1992 -- 1993 - so I missed it by a few days - you made the same speech in 1986. You -- you must have a -- must have a one-track mind there on what you're going to say about this bill. The time's overdue; we ought to pass it.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Severns, you wish to close?

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I've just been advised, Senator DeAngelis, that -- I know you're right most of the time, but this has not yet been voted on in the House, so I don't know what's going to happen when it is. But in response just to some of the questions that were raised: The testimony that Director Schnorf gave our committee - the State Government and Organization Committee - last August was the same figure that -- that was mentioned here today by Senator Schaffer and reiterated by Senator Maitland, and that was the four hundred and twenty-nine thousand figure. Quite frankly, with all the respect that I have for Director Schnorf, he did not back it up then; he hasn't backed it up today. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that the figure would change. The number that's been used repeatedly

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since the beginning of this fiscal year could not be the same number today. The number that Senator Welch talked about is a number of concern. I don't know how this language was entered; I asked Senator Holmberg, and it was, frankly, a surprise to her as well. What I do know is it's not GRF, and it's language that we passed out of this Senate Chamber, and frankly, was approved by the Governor, except that the bill in total was amendatorily vetoed, and now it's back in this bill. I think the important step that this Chamber took was earlier in the Veto Session when we approved the blue-ribbon committee. But all of us have been advised, time and again, by our own constituents and by vendors of this State, that the measures that we took in this Senate Bill 1783 last summer was not a step in the right direction. This bill attempts to correct that, and I would urge your support.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3650. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay, and the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? All voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 25 Ayes, 18 Nays, 6 voting Present. The Conference Committee Report is not adopted, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator DeAngelis, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Just on a point of personal privilege to maintain my credibility. The bill failed on 2104. The very same bill.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jones, on your Motion in Writing. Supplemental Calendar No. 4, Ladies and Gentlemen. There's a Motion in Writing to Accept Specific Recommendations for Change with respect to House Bill 3815. Madam Secretary, read the motion, please.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3815, in manner and form as follows:

Amendment to House Bill 3815

in Acceptance of Governor's Recommendations

Filed by Senator Jones.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I accept the Governor's amendatory change on House Bill 3815, and what it does, essentially, is this: it delete the requirement in the Animal Control Act for veterinarians to supervise the animal control wardens in the use of tranquilizer guns and equipment. And I accept this change because it does create a problem, and ask for a favorable vote on the amendatory veto.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved acceptance of the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3815. Discussion? Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Senator Jones, there's been a lot of discussion in my area about this -- this particular bill, because of the fact that -- whether we inadvertently or by -- by purpose, eliminated a lot of the control that the wardens have over these animals. For instance, there is a question in -- about whether they will be allowed to carry any kind of -- of firearms. And before -- let me explain what the problem is: We have had several deers killed on

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our highways in -- in my area. These are animals that have not been killed outright, but rather have been hit by a car and their leg will be broken or they'll be very badly injured. A warden is called out, and with this bill, he will not be able to complete the kill, and allow that animal -- and the animal will have to continue suffering while the proper people come in with a gun to shoot him. I don't like Bambis being shot, but I think in some cases it's -- it's necessary. And my understanding is this is -- this authority has been taken away from them now - that they'll not be able to carry any kind of firearms, even if they've had the proper training. Is that true?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Way I read it, it only deals with the veterinarian's supervision of the warden, because what would happen then, in each incident, you would have to have a veterinarian on the scene to supervise the warden. So it does not take away the warden doing his job; it would take away the requirements statutorily for a veterinarian to be there for each particular incident, because it would totally disrupt the entire system, and it just could not work. So I -- I -- that's the way I read the amendatory veto, and, you know, I see no problem with that.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

I'm sorry, Senator Jones. I'm talking about the original bill, which frankly, should have been killed right out to begin with. The original bill actually took a lot of -- of powers away from our -- our wardens, who are trying to do their job, who right now have the authority, for instance, to go out and issue tickets if a dog is being abused, if horses are found starving. Let's

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face it - by the time he goes and gets a police officer and brings him back, in effect, what's going to happen is the horses are going to be long gone, or the dog is going to be long gone. I mean, you know, you're disrupting the whole system with this law. I understand the reason why it was originally suggested; there was a problem of one warden down in Central Illinois that got a little bit carried away, thought he was a real cop, but he has been fired, so I don't know why in the world we have to have this in the law. I -- I truly think it's a bad idea. I understand there are some other things that are in the bill that are -- are good, but I wish you would just remove that whole section about the wardens out of there until we can get this thing straightened out, because a lot of wardens are very upset about this.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Jones, you wish to close?

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. And I understand what you are saying, Senator Fawell; that portion had passed this Body as well as the other Chamber, and again what this does is take away the -- the supervision as relate to the veterinarians. That is what we are addressing on the amendatory veto. If you wish to do that on another piece of legislation next Session, I suggest that you attempt to do that. But all this does is take away the supervisory capacity as far as the veterinarians are concerned, and I ask for a favorable vote on the Governor's amendatory veto on House Bill 3815.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3815, in the manner and form just stated by Senator Jones. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay, and the voting's open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the

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record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3815, having received the required constitutional majority vote of Senators elected, are declared accepted. All right. We have a number of congratulatory resolutions, so I'd ask the Membership to bear with us. Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1728.

Senate Resolution 1729.

Senate Resolution 1730.

Senate Resolution 1731.

Senate Resolution 1732.

Senate Resolution 1733.

Senate Resolution 1734.

Senate Resolution 1735, pardon me, through 1735 -- 34 were all Senator Rock and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1735 was Senator Philip and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1736 offered by President Rock and all Members.

They're all congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Consent Calendar. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are awaiting the advent of Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 5, which will contain four or five additional conference committee reports that the Members involved in those reports have asked me to have presented to the Body, and we will attempt to accommodate, as we always have. In the meantime, in the interest of time, we have a number of congratulatory - and I suggest well-deserved - resolutions in favor of Members who indeed will not be with us. So I think this might be an appropriate time to go through those and adopt them, and afford the Members an opportunity - as a few have indicated, they wish the opportunity - to bid us in the



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institution a fond farewell. Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1679 offered by Senator Holmberg. Pardon me, offered by President Rock and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1679)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Holmberg.

SENATOR HOLMBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Body. Over a period of ten years I've watched as the number of women in the Illinois Senate grew from four to fourteen, as the first women were elected to leadership, and as the first Democratic woman was nominated by her party and elected to Statewide office. Women do have more credibility in today's General Assembly - both as candidates who can win, and as service-oriented Legislators. My path was as easy in 1982 as others are finding it in 1992, because three very capable women had already served as the Senator from the 34th District: Ann Keegan, Vivian Hickey and Lynn Martin. If 1992 was the year of the woman, then the decade of the nineties will be the decade of women in leadership. Their unique skills, honed in years of community service and managing a family, will transfer well to leadership. And their ability to lead democratically fits the Legislatures to which they have been elected. My role has been strengthened over ten years by the wonderful staff that has supported me all the way: Chuck Eckert, Pat McGuckin, Jenny Bramel, and my secretary, Debbie Chism, amongst many others. The cooperation of my Local Government and Higher Education Committee members and the minority spokespersons, Bev Fawell and Ralph Dunn, made my Chairmanships very rewarding. It is awe-inspiring to know that each vote we make affects eleven million Illinois citizens, and that we sit in the same Legislature where men like Abraham Lincoln once sat. It is rewarding to know

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that even one simple bill we have authored will be affecting Illinois citizens for decades to come. It has been a great ten years, and a pleasure to serve with all of you in the Illinois Senate.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. With leave of the Body -- the resolutions are on the Resolutions Consent Calendar, but Senator Jacobs moves to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 1680 <sic> (1679). All in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Resolution 1680 <sic> is adopted. Further resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1729 offered by President Rock and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1729)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

With leave of the Body, when -- when we get to the adoption of this, we'll call his name three times and if he doesn't show up, we'll pass it. Senator Di Turi.

SENATOR DI TURI:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to accept this on behalf. He couldn't be here for this award and this Oscar. He says thank you to everybody, and he wishes you Godspeed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Marovitz on the Floor? Senator Marovitz on the Floor? Senator Marovitz, do you wish to grace us with a few words, or do you pass? Senator Marovitz.

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

I never passed before. Why should I now? Well, I did hear them outside the Chamber and -- yeah. The last eighteen years in this place have been easily among the most enjoyable years of my

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life. It's been an experience the likes of which -- I guess it's hard to describe. I think the President will probably do a better job in a little while. But the opportunity to serve people and to get things done and to put laws on the books that hopefully - if you do your job well - will positively affect the lives of future generations - there's really no substitute for a feeling like that. I think the first bill that I passed when I got in the Legislature was a bill to legalize the use of generic drugs, and even today I still get letters from people who thank me and say we are saving money on their prescription drug costs. The friends that you make in this place - there's no substitute for it. It's much like a college fraternity. The people that you will remember all of your life, that you love, that you fought with, and then you went out and had a drink with. I'll -- I'll miss that an awful lot. The faces and the ability to get things done and to be part of the process - there is no substitute for that. It's been probably the eighteen best years of my life. I'll be back here, because I'll miss the place, and I'll miss the faces, and I'll miss the process. I've never been in the minority in eighteen years, and I guess I don't envy some of the fellows and ladies on this side of the aisle. But it's your turn, on the other side of the aisle, and I'm sure you're going to have a lot of fun with it. In the end -- in the end, I hope that the people of the State of Illinois, regardless of politics, will be served and served properly, because that's what this is all about. And when you go to sleep at night, when you end your career, when you talk to your kids and your family, the fact that you got something done positive for your constituents and you could put laws on the books that will make people's lives better, that's what it's all about. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

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All right. Senator Rock has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 1729. All in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senator Rock now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1729. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Further resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. HARRY)

Senate Resolution 1700 offered by Senator Philip and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1700)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Davidson.

SENATOR DAVIDSON:

Mr. President and Members of this Senate, it's been joyful years, been some times that weren't so joyful and since only one of we three who are survivors of the '73, '74 majority will be back, I want to wish all of you Godspeed. It's been an enjoyable time. Before I go any farther, I want to pay tribute to my wife, who's in the gallery, who -- without her and my children's support, I couldn't have been elected for twenty years. Shirley.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Shirley.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

SENATOR DAVIDSON:

Then I want to say thank you to Prudie McCreight Harden, who has been my secretary for twenty years and put up with all you rascals who came in to harass me. But it's been fun; I've enjoyed it. I'm not going to go away; I'm not going to move out of Springfield. I've been in all fifty states, and there's no place better than God's country, and that's central Illinois. I look forward to working with you. You have any questions dealing with

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my profession, please call me; I'm always available. Thank you very, very much.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Philip has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 1700. Those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Philip now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1700. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Further resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. HARRY)

Senate Resolution 1703 offered by Senator Philip and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1703)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Hudson.

SENATOR HUDSON:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, on many occasions I have, as you have, been called upon to attend meetings of one kind or another, and perhaps you, as I, have been called upon to -- to give the invocation or say a word of prayer before the meeting. They've even gotten to call me Chaplain Ray up where I come from. But I never do that without thanking the good Lord for the country that we live in. I think sometimes it's a tendency we Americans have to take our government and the things -- the blessings of freedom and liberty that we have in this country for -- for granted. And we forget sometimes that they came from the sacrifice, the bloodshed, and the hard work in the lives of those who preceded us. Now what I'm leading up to is how proud I have been - and I tell my constituents this - how proud I have been of the kind of government that our founders in this

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country devised, originated, for us. A government under God, one nation under God, that has given us more liberty, more freedom, circumscribed in law than probably any other country on the face of this earth, and a government that recognizes that its powers and its control really is -- does come from the Lord himself, unalienable rights, as we call them, they're -- they're God-given. So I have been, through these years, immensely proud of being able to be a part of such a form of government here in the State of Illinois, and to serve the people that I have represented to the best of my ability. It's a rare privilege, and I have so much enjoyed knowing so many of you; all of you I have considered my friends. I think I have -- we have disagreed on many things, on both sides of the aisle here, but through that all has come a fondness and affection for you that I shall never forget. I consider you my friends and I will remember you always. I too want to say a word of praise for my dear, long-suffering, patient wife, sitting in the gallery tonight, as she has so many other evenings, wondering when we may get out of here, and probably the answer is "Whenever you decide to shut up, Ray," that's what she might tell me. But anyway, through twenty-two years, she has traveled about two hundred miles up and down Route I-55 with me, and always the same question, "When do you feel you may be out this evening, Ray?" and my answer is, "I'm not sure; I don't know." But anyway, without her help, this couldn't have happened. Sitting there, I'll ask her to stand. ... (Applause by the Illinois Senate)... And I think apart from that, I -- I can't -- there isn't too much that I can say, except that I love you all. The good Lord has given me this opportunity; I shall cherish the memories of your friendship the rest of my days. And I guess I'll close by invoking some shades of memory from General Douglas MacArthur when he retired, but I'll simply paraphrase to say that: Old Senators never die; they simply move away to California, or

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Florida, or Arizona, or in my case, even Downers Grove, Illinois. Thank you all, and God bless you.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Philip has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 1703. All in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senator Philip now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1703. All those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution 1703 is adopted. Further resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1730 offered by President Rock and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1730)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President and fellow Senators, Madam Secretary. It's been a great experience for these twenty years in the Illinois House of Representatives and Senate, and a great privilege to the Kelly family to have had me serve this time, and I've enjoyed it immensely. My secretary, Lisa Sulcer, I thank her individually; the rest I'll just have to say thank you and -- for tolerating me from time to time, and giving me constructive criticism, and especially your friendship. And I too would like to have you recognize my wife, Ethel, who has joined me in Springfield up in the gallery, if you'd please recognize her, and want to thank her for everything.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Ethel, please stand.

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SENATOR KELLY:

But this -- this is a great process; it's one -- I mean, I've learned immensely from -- from you, and it's just something I'll carry with me a long time. And anyway, I'm going out on a high note; I feel very positive about myself and about the future of this Body and of the General Assembly, so I wish you well. God bless all of you. Thanks for everything.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Rock has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 1731. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. 1730. The Ayes have it. Senator Rock now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1730. All in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution 1730 is adopted. Further resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1731 offered by President Rock and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1731)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Janet Joyce.

SENATOR JOYCE:

I want to thank you all. It's been a great experience for me -- one that I could not have done without my spouse allowing me to do this. He was very smart in doing this. All of a sudden, all those years of long hours, of the pressures that you all know about -- they became very real to me. Sometimes just hearing it doesn't make it real, but I now know, and it's a good thing that I do -- for the both of us. Mr. President, Philip Rock, we'll all miss, but I know that Senator Pate Philip will have the compassion, he will do -- he will become the Phil Rock of the



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future - if that's something to look forward to, Pate. Thank you for all your courtesies. I've developed some very good friendships in this short amount of time - on both sides of the aisle - and Senator Watson said I could come back and play ball next year. Thank you very much.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Rock has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 1731. Those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Rock now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1731. All in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution 1731 is adopted. Madam Secretary, further resolutions.  
SECRETARY HAWKER:

...(machine cutoff)...Resolution 1733 offered by President Rock and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1733)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Di Turi.

SENATOR DI TURI:

Thank you, Linda, Mr. President. First, I have to say thanks to President Rock. He said to me: "Bobby, use common sense and care." And that's what I did. Under his guidance, if I had a problem, there was not one time -- he'd always be there for me. He says, "Just come in my office and lock the door." And my seatmate, Vince: You've been always there for me too, and a friend. To all my colleagues: I care for you each and one; you're great. And I want to especially thank Barbara, my secretary, for being so kind and loving, and I do love you very much, and your family. I'd like to wish at this time, President - tomorrow - Pate Philip, many happiness, much success. And also Emil Jones,

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my dear friend - we always followed the chairman - much happiness, and it's not a matter of being the majority or the minority -- it's because I've seen on this board fifty-nine votes a lot -- a lot of good bills. So maybe less controversial bills we have and bills that we could all pass together as a Body, then the people of Illinois will be strong and they'll have good support. I want to thank each and one of you. And a message to Ms. Margaret, Collins and Bev: Bring my babies back next year; make sure I get the money. I love you all.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Rock has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 1733. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senator Rock now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1733. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution 1733 is adopted. Further resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. HARRY)

Senate Resolution 1705 offered by Senator Philip and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1705)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Rigney.

SENATOR RIGNEY:

Well, I think that's just great - what you said about me - and I think the last time that my record was evaluated was in the election in 1990, and that was done by my opponent. And frankly, I wish he'd have had a copy of what you just read. Might have been a little easier. But -- first of all, I want to say that I truly am going to miss all of you. The associations here truly have been wonderful. And I also want to say that I'm going to

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miss participating in the issues of Illinois as a Member of the General Assembly. You know, I think there is something positive that has to be said for a form of government where a cattle-feeder-hog-farmer type of person like myself can put on a necktie and walk on to the Floor of the Illinois State Senate, and be an equal partner in making the decisions for our State Government. May that type of government long exist. I also want to tell you that we're heading back to the farm now. I give you this one word of warning: I'm going to be watching all of the things that are going to affect everything out there on the rural route, and hopefully you're going to be doing everything right, and -- but expect to hear from me in -- in the event that you don't. My wife, Margie, is in the balcony, and I just want to say: You said that my absence here is going to be a loss for this Body and this is going to be Margie's gain. And after twenty years, she deserves having me home a little bit more than what I've been in the -- in the recent twenty years. God bless all of you. I look forward to coming back and seeing you many times.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Philip has moved the suspension of the rules with respect to Senate Resolution 1705. All those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senator Philip now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1705. All those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution 1705 is adopted. Mr. Secretary, more resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. HARRY)

Senate Resolution 1706 offered by Senator Philip and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1706)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

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Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. It's been a very rewarding twenty years for me. I recall when I got down here, I had Roger Sommer on one side of me and Jack Roe on the other, which probably should have sent me a message right then and there. And they both kidded that I'd still be around here twenty years from now; and they were right. They both had the good sense, or whatever, to bail out a little earlier. It's been a very rewarding twenty years and I've been a very lucky man. I've had some excellent staff. I'd like to thank Brenda Jack, my current secretary, Leora Lash Harry and Sally Bustudik, who have been my secretaries down here. I'd like to thank Debbie Justus and Geri Davis, who have run my district office. I have kiddingly said - but there's a lot of truth in it - that for twenty years I've been a front man for two secretaries. And there's a lot of truth in that, and those people have made this job possible. I'd like to also thank the staff, both past and present, both Republican and Democrat, without whose help I'm afraid we would have looked - at least I would have looked - much less professional. And I would like to thank my wife, MaryAnn, who is in the back of the Chamber, for putting up with this madness, ...(Applause by the Illinois Senate)... although she - I think - understood the legislative part of what she was getting into. I have worked at a little bit of a handicap for 10, these last few years, knowing that she had a squawk box in her office and could hear every word I said, and that would be subject to some form of comment later in the day. Probably you noticed in the last few years I hadn't been talking quite as much, and that's why. I'm very proud of the twenty years I put in down here. You know it's become very fashionable to bash government and those of us who practice the art of politics - politicians - but my experience has been that the men and women I

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have served with, past and present, represent the very finest of the people of the State of Illinois. And I am proud to have served with you, and I am proud to have served with the people that have gone before. Senator Rock, you have set a standard in this Senate as Senate President that I think will live long - long after all of us are gone. And there's no doubt in my mind that Senator Philip is up to the task of being Senator -- Senate President, and I have every confidence that his record will be as distinguished as Senator Rock's. I have to admit, I - like I suspect many or most of the Members who are leaving - have regrets. Certainly this spring Session is going to be interesting. Senator Rock <sic> and Minority Leader Jones, I'm confident that you will accomplish a great deal. I'm also confident that it will be a very interesting time, and I hope not to be too far away from the scene, so at least I can observe it. I am going to stress losing weight and making money in the future. Big applause from the back of the room. And I'm going to stay active in politics; and one of the things I do not want to do is to slide into political oblivion, such as Senator Netsch and Senator Kustra have. So I plan on being active, at least as a committeeman, and going door to door - something meaningful. Sincerely, I leave this Body with more friends than I can imagine and more memories - happy memories - than I'll probably ever be able to categorize. It's been a great honor, and I won't be too far away, and I look forward to working with you or at least conversing and talking about old times and times in the future with each and every one of you. Thank you for your friendship.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Philip has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 1706. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Philip now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1706. Those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Is that all? Scares me. This thing -- may not pass. All those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Senate Resolution 1706 is adopted. Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. HARRY)

Senate Resolution 1707 offered by Senator Philip and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1707)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Schuneman.

SENATOR SCHUNEMAN:

Well, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. There are a couple of items I'd like to have added to that list: I'm also a notary public, and the winner of the Legislative Tennis Tournament. Eighteen years is a long time, isn't it? I almost feel as though I should apologize. I really didn't intend to stay this long, but it's been a great, great experience. When I first thought I might run, I was given some advice by a very close associate who told me "Don't do it!" But then she became my -- my best supporter, and has been with me all these years, and I certainly want to recognize my wife, Dorothy. ...(Applause by the Illinois Senate)... Now, in spite of the fact that her advice was probably correct, she's always been willing to go that extra mile

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to -- and we drive a lot of miles in our big rural districts. She accompanied me on -- on many of those trips, and it was a great experience. Not all of you -- first of all, I guess I should say that I've been a part of, and witness to, a number of people retiring. But I've never seen such a mass exodus before. And so I guess it's hard to say anything new, because of the eloquence of so many who have gone before me. But I consider it a high honor to have served here, and in the House. I learned, and received so much more than I ever could have contributed, and it's strange that when you leave, the people that you fought the hardest with, turn out to be some of those that you admire the most. And so I consider you all my friend, and I wish for you only the best for the future. Thanks for being so kind and so understanding for me. I'll not return to harangue you about the bad underfunding of the pension systems any more. But I hope someone will assume that mantle, because it really needs to -- we need to be reminded of it. But I go with -- with great satisfaction of having served in this -- in this Body, and I thank you for your many kindnesses.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Philip has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 1707. All in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Philip now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1707. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution 1707 is adopted. Further resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. HARRY)

Senate Resolution 1735 offered by Senator Philip and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1735)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

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Senator Macdonald.

SENATOR MACDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. President. This twenty-year career of mine with you wonderful colleagues, both in the House and the Senate, have far exceeded my wildest expectations. I would like to tell you that along with the very serious business that we have conducted here, I have, most of all, enjoyed and will remember the good times and the fun that has happened in this Chamber, and also in the House of Representatives. Three incidents come to mind that - as I was sitting here thinking - that I remember so vividly, and I'd like to share with you. One night after Session - it had been a particularly fatiguing day - Dawn Netsch strode over to my desk. We had been friends at the Constitutional Convention, and she asked me -- she said, "Virginia," she said, "have you been in the men's room?" And not wanting to sound like a feminist dropout, I said, "Which one?" So she proceeded to tell me that in the men's room that -- did I realize that they had cloth hand towels, and that they had hand lotion, and that they had aspirin and Pepto-Bismol, and all of the comforts of life, while we had that miserable little two-holer, and that we -- and not only that, but we had sandpaper hand towels, and she was going to do something about it. And I agreed with her that I would back her up to the fullest, and as usual, our wonderful friend, Sir Galahad Rock, came to the rescue, and before long -- we now have cloth hand towels, and Pepto-Bismol, and aspirin, and aloe cream soap - not that soggy stuff we used to put up with - so I have a recommendation to the obvious new President of the Senate and -- to keep on an even playing field of popularity, Pate, I would suggest that you tear out the phone booths and you put in sauna baths. I think that it would do great things to ease the tension at the end of Session. So in order to be equal with Senator Rock, maybe that's an addition you can make to the comfort of the



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Members. I also remember a particularly funny evening when we went on our rounds of all of the events that will -- I will miss at the time, and through the years I have thought, "Oh, one more!" Could I take it? But one evening I went with Judy Topinka to the Old State Capitol to a very elegant candlelight reception. And to complete the atmosphere, they had veterans of one of our veterans' units here dressed in Civil War costumes. And so as we exited - having eaten every goodie in the place - Judy stopped at the top of the stairs, and she addressed the veterans. And she said, "Sorry about the war, fellows. Any news from the front, and when can we expect it to be over?" So, Judy, don't lose your sense of humor. You -- Bob Hope couldn't have done a better job, and they laughed, as I laughed, and as everyone around her laughed. So humor is a very important thing in this Body, and I particularly remember one evening when we were having a disagreeable debate, and LeRoy Lemke - God rest his soul - jumped to his feet passionately and admonished all of us that we should remember that not all people were born with blonde eyes and blue hair. So those are some of the wonderful memories that I will take with me, and I want to thank Pate Philip, Senator Rock, all of the staff people, all of my friends, my colleague, and particularly my good friend that entered the General Assembly with me - Adeline Geo-Karis. All of you did not know - but I will now reveal it - that we refer to each other as Arsenic and Old Lace, and of course, I am Arsenic, and she's Old Lace. But we have had many wonderful times through these twenty years together, as have Doris Karpziel and Bev Fawell - all of us - and I particularly, with my friends on the other side of the aisle, have enjoyed every minute of all of these years. I love you all very much, and may God be with you. And I have one admonition, and that is: Marty Butler, stay the course and watch your p's and q's, because after noon tomorrow I will be your constituent.

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(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, there's a great man who's been very supportive of Virginia all her life, and there's -- he's none other than her wonderful husband, who supports women in office - Alan Macdonald. He's sitting right there.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Alan. All right. Senator Philip has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 1735. Those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Philip now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1735. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution 1735 is adopted. Madam Secretary, further resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1734 offered by President Rock and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1734)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Dart.

SENATOR DART:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Much like my career here, this will be brief. I've enjoyed every minute that I've been here. It's definitely going to be quite a change going across the hall. Unlike everybody else, I'm not leaving; I will be sticking around, hopefully, for a little while. Some of these terms - eighteen, twenty years - I don't know if I'll make it quite that long, but I've enjoyed every minute here quite a bit.

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I appreciate the friendships I've made; I'm sure I'll be harassing quite a few of you to be sponsors over here with some of the crazier legislation you may see. I've enjoyed it and I appreciate the help you've given me. It's going to pain me to death to watch you lose next year in the softball game. But nonetheless, I'm sure you'll try to carry on. Once again, thank you very much.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Rock has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 1734. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Rock now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 1734. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, have there been any objections filed to the Resolutions Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

There have been no objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Hall moves the adoption of Resolutions Consent Calendar. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The Resolutions Consent Calendar is adopted. We are waiting for Supplemental No. 5 to be down momentarily. Senator Carroll, for what purpose do you arise? Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Just while we're in a brief lull, on a point of personal privilege. I think we have not formally welcomed our two newest Members to the Senate: Senator Gary LaPaille and Senator Jesus Garcia. We welcome both of you to the Senate, and wish you well in your long-term standing in this, the 87th General Assembly,

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from now till midnight, and then in the future Sessions to come.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Welcome.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have -- while we're awaiting the advent of Calendar 5, which will contain four or five items, we have on Calendar 4 Senate Bill 1842. It is on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence. There has been a request by the sponsor to return to that order of business. So I direct your attention -- with leave of the Body, we'll move to Supplemental Calendar No. 4, on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, for Senate Bill 1842. Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Amendments 1 and 4 to Senate Bill 1842.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator O'Daniel.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I move to concur with Amendment No. 1 and 4 to Senate Bill 1842. It passed out of the House this afternoon, 118 to nothing. And what it really does - it incorporates Amendment No. 1 into Amendment No. 4, and it appropriates three hundred thousand dollars for the Edwards County School District. Some six or eight years ago they built a new facility there, and ever since day one it's been a nightmare, with the roof leaking, and with condensation, and they now have the contractor and the architect picking up part of the cost. Felt that since it was mandated on the people - the old units were condemned - that the State should also participate in funding this. And I would move to concur with these amendments, or attempt to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved concurrence in House

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Amendments 1 and 4 to Senate Bill 1842. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 4 to Senate Bill 1842. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And the voting's open. 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 48 Ayes, 2 Nays, none voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 4 to Senate Bill 1842, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can direct your attention to page 20 - page 20 on the Regular Calendar - Senator Dart has requested leave of this Body to be shown as the chief sponsor of Senate Bill 2097. With leave of the Body, Senator Dart will assume the sponsorship of Senate Bill 2097. Madam Secretary, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports - page 20 on the Calendar - there's a report with respect to Senate Bill 2097.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 2097.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Dart.

SENATOR DART:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 2097 is a technical bill which was put forward by the Chicago Park District. It is a bill that we passed as Senate Bill 1521. It went out of here 51 to nothing. The House then put a couple of amendments on it that killed the bill. It is now back in this form. It passed the House today 114 to 1. It basically deals with requirements of their -- posting their yearly schedules, and gives them a little more leeway in doing that. I'd move for the adoption of the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 2097.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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All right. The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 2097. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 2097. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 48 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 2097, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 5 is being distributed. I would ask the Members to please take a look. That's Senators del Valle, Karpel, Jones, and Jones. In the meantime -- Ladies and Gentlemen, while we're taking a look at Supplemental Calendar No. 5 - which will be the last order of business - we'll go, Madam Secretary, to the Order of Resolutions. Senator Demuzio. Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 197 offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 197)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a resolution - Senate Joint Resolution 197 - that upon the conclusion of our business today sometime, that when we both -- the two Houses adjourn, that we will stand adjourned sine die. I would move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 197.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint

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Resolution 197. All in favor of the Motion to Suspend, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Demuzio now moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 197, which will call for the 87th General Assembly to adjourn this evening - hopefully shortly - sine die. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Turning your attention, Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, to Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 5, there is a Conference Committee Report with respect to House Bill 3663. Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3663.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator del Valle.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move the adoption of the First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3663. The language added by this Report corrects a technical error in Public Act 87-1208, that inadvertently impacted current leases as well as prospective leases. The original intent was to impact only prospective leases. The language that is being altered originated with the Realtors Association, and they have signed off on the language in this Report. I move the adoption.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3663. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3663. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And the voting's open. All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference

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Committee Report on House Bill 3663, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Karpel, on 4037. Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 4037.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Karpel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have -- I believe there's a change of primary sponsors on that bill; it is now Senator Welch's bill.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. With leave of the Body, Senator Welch will be shown as the chief sponsor. Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 4037 amends the Illinois Nuclear Safety Preparedness Act. What it does is it increases from -- it increases from two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to a half million dollars the maximum amount of Nuclear Safety Emergency Preparedness funds that the Department of Nuclear Safety can use to compensate local governments for expenses incurred in the implementation and maintenance of plans and programs established to deal with nuclear accidents. What we have are twelve nuclear power plants around the State of Illinois. There is currently a limit of a total of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars that the State can reimburse local governments for, should there be a need for reimbursement. What this bill says is that the cap will go up to five hundred thousand dollars. It does not appropriate any money to the local governments. It doesn't require the State to appropriate any money to local governments; it merely raises the cap. It's -- permits us to give more money to local governments through the Department of Nuclear Safety.



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I'd be glad to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 4037. Discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 4037. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And the voting's open. All voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 4037, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. There is a Motion in Writing, Senator Jones, concerning Senate Bill 703. Madam Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to suspend the appropriate Senate rules in relation to Senate Bill 703, so that the bill may be considered by the Senate. Filed by Senator Jones.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I move to suspend the appropriate rules so that the Conference Committee Report can be held.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved to suspend the rules. Any discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. We'll move now to the Order of Conference Committee Reports. There's a Report with respect, Madam Secretary, to Senate Bill 703. Please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 703.

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The First Conference Committee Report authorizes the chairman of the Industrial Commission to request from the Comptroller and Treasurer the transfer of 1.5 million dollars for -- for the Second Injury Fund. And the purpose of this is so that they can give the cost of living increase for the disabled workers. The Commerce Commission, Labor is all on board. I know of no opposition, and I ask for a favorable vote on this Conference Committee Report.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 703. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 703. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 703, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On the Order of Conference Committee Reports, Supplemental Senate Calendar No. 5, there's a Report with respect to Senate Bill 1650. Madam Secretary, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1650.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of -- of the Senate.

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This is the Omnibus Pension Bill. It is a bill that Members on both sides of the aisle, the Governor's Office, and also the other Chamber in the -- across the Rotunda, have worked many, many hours on. What the bill does - I'll give you an overview of it - it implement many of the federal changes to authorize retirement systems, at the request -- individual entitled to receive a refund. There are many, many -- many, many provisions in here as it relate to General Assembly Members. One provision as relate to the stipend for Senate Members, that they'll be able to -- to get the benefits of the stipend if they paid the employee as well as the employer's share of that. There are some provisions in here for the Downstate police, Downstate firefighters, Chicago police, Chicago firefighters, Illinois Municipal League, the Chicago Municipal and Laborer, and what it does there is provide for early retirement incentives. This is the five-plus-five. There are many provisions in here and changes as it relate to the Cook County pension systems. All these provisions have been agreed to by the various systems: the Chicago Park District, the Metropolitan Sanitary District, and many, many changes as it relate to the State Employees' Pension System, including the Governor's proposed five-and-five early retirement incentive for State Police. There are provisions in here as it relate to the State University System - it's not a early retirement per year -- I mean per se, but it does create a one-year window. That the declaration period from January 30, 1993 <sic>, that the universities will pay seven percent of salary contributions that currently may be paid by the employees to avoid a discount. The Downstate teachers -- there is provisions in here for early retirement, the five-plus-five incentive for the Downstate teachers, and allows for the Chicago teachers to increase from fifteen million to twenty-five million the amount of the pension fund which may be used for a partial reimbursement of the

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annuitant health care insurance. There are some provisions in here for judges, and that is the overview of the Pension Bill. Yesterday, in Room 400, Members of both sides of the aisle in this Chamber as well as in the House, and the Governor's Office, all worked on this bill for seven marathon hours. The Governor's Office has signed off on all the provisions that is included herein, and this is the Omnibus Pension Bill for this Session, and I ask for a favorable vote on Senate Bill -- Senate Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1650.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1650. Discussion? Senator Schuneman.

SENATOR SCHUNEMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just a few minutes ago I promised not to harangue, so this is not a harangue. Okay? But I do want to point out that I got the mail - just like you got the mail - from the teachers who want this benefit. Of course they want the benefit. I got the mail from school districts who are having a problem, and they want the benefit. Of course they want - some of them - want this to be done, because it will help those superintendents in managing some districts. I heard from other districts who absolutely do not want this. But there are a few things I want to point out that the proponents, for the most part, have not pointed out: First of all is that there are a hundred and twenty-four thousand members of the Teachers' -- active members of the Teachers' Retirement System. So the idea that I've heard promoted around here is we're going to help the teachers. Well, most of them, Ladies and Gentlemen, you're not going to help; most of them -- the effect of this bill will be to take money out of their -- of their fund. It will go to support other teachers. Probably five, six or seven percent of the teachers who

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are covered are the ones that are going to get this benefit. So if you have some idea that you're helping all the teachers, please don't believe that, because it isn't true. Apparently, the hit on the pension system will be somewhere between a hundred and thirty-three million dollars - at the low end - and two hundred million - or something like that - at the high end, depending upon how many people take advantage of this. Now you remember when we had the same idea promoted for State employees, there -- there were more people that took advantage of it than we really expected - that is, the high end took advantage of it - and it was much more costly, as shown by studies that have been done by the Legislative -- or by the Auditor General and others - much more costly than we were told at the time. I suspect the same thing may happen if you pass this bill tonight. One other thing I want to point out - and I've been -- I've been warning for many years now that we're going in the wrong direction, in that we're taking money out of our pension funds by funding all these benefits, and we're not putting any money in there. But for the first time in history, this year the expenses of paying pensions out of the Teachers' Retirement System was greater than the income. Now if you know anything about pensions, you know that we're reaching the point of no return. Once we go down that slippery slope, you folks that are left here are going to face up - have to face up - to the problem of how you raise the revenue to replace the money. So the game that we've been playing of raising benefits and not putting the money in is almost over. So much for the Teachers' Retirement System. In the case of the State Police, there are five hundred and sixty State police eligible for this program. The State police themselves estimate that two hundred and eighty-one of them will take advantage of it. Now that's -- that's a utilization rate of fifty percent. So they expect that fifty percent of everybody that is eligible is going to take

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advantage of it. There again, that money is going to go to only those two hundred and eighty-one people, and the projected hit on the State Employees' Pension Fund is forty million dollars. Now, you know, if we have to pay this, this is real money. And the one great thing about passing these bills and not putting any money in, is that we really don't have to pay for it; it's our kids that have to pay for it. And that's wrong, and we shouldn't keep that up. Now sometime you're going to have to stop it, and at the last moment of this General Assembly might be a good time to begin that -- that moral strengthening that we need to draw a line and say, "No. We aren't going to do this anymore. This is when we're going to stop." Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Would the sponsor yield to -- for a question?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Indicates he will yield, Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you. I notice that the Chicago teachers are not included within this four-and -- the five-and-five provision that is provided for Downstate teachers and for others. Could you explain to us why they are not included?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Over the past several years, the General Assembly has had what we call an "agreed-bill" process. That agreed-bill process is one wherein all parties involved must agree before we would pass any mandates on them as relate to their pension system. The Chicago Teachers, the Board of Education, did not come to an agreement.

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And since they did not come to an agreement between those two parties, they are not included in the bill. That is the only reason they are not included.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Madigan.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1650, and to throw out some figures that were given to us this afternoon by our fiscal arm - our fiscal gurus - the Economic and Fiscal Commission. Let me point out to you first of all what they say on the early retirement for teachers would be at a thirty-percent utilization rate. That net increase in accrued liability would be 133.9 million dollars. I would ask you to keep that figure in mind. If there is a forty-percent utilization rate, the net increase in accrued liability is 139.8 million dollars. I would again ask you to keep that figure in mind. Let me also quote to you as far as what they say on the State Police early retirement - a portion of it. The net increase in accrued liability on that, according to their figures, is zero. Zero. Not forty million dollars - zero. Now, keeping in mind that 133.9 million dollars on a thirty-percent utilization and a forty-percent utilization figure of 139.8 million dollars, let me point out to you figures from the State Board of Education as to what the estimated payroll cost savings would be for those districts Statewide that would be affected by early retirement: The estimated payroll cost savings at a thirty-percent utilization for those school districts is a hundred and forty-four million one hundred and eleven thousand three hundred and four dollars. That's almost ten million dollars savings there. At a forty-percent utilization rate, the estimated payroll cost savings - again prepared by the State Board of Education - is over -- well, it's exactly one hundred and

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ninety-two million one hundred and forty-eight thousand four hundred and five dollars. Now I ask you to stop and compare those figures and those savings in comparison to the net increase in accrued liability. I would liken the situation and the problem that we have with education funding, to having two fires going on on your property - one in your kitchen and one in your garage. And you've got a little water to throw on those two fires, and we've got the problem with properly funding education, properly funding the school districts, we're short of money, we've got an opportunity to give the school districts a hundred-and-forty-four-million-dollar savings at thirty-percent utilization rate, and a hundred-and-ninety-two-million-dollar savings at a forty-percent utilization rate. Certainly to me that addresses the fire in the kitchen. Of course the fire in the garage is still burning. But that is a situation that we need to address; we've known we've had to address that situation for several years, and we certainly ought to do what we can for the school districts when we have the opportunity to do so. We have that opportunity to do so this evening, and I would ask you to support Senate Bill 1650.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

...(machine cutoff)...President, I'd like to rise on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point, please.

SENATOR WELCH:

President Rock, I'd just like to say that this is the final bill we're going to hear for the 87th General Assembly, and apparently this will be the last time we hear you call for the vote and ask if all have voted who wish. And I just want to say



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that you had an outstanding career here in the Senate. We've all admired you and your leadership, and we will miss you calling us to vote, calling for all who voted who wish, and calling the results of the bill. I think that all of us here have great admiration for you as Senate President. We hate to see this time pass. We don't like to see you leaving the Senate, but as all things must pass, this must too. But I'm reminded, thinking over your career over the past many years here in the Senate, of something that William Shakespeare wrote in a play "Henry V". And in that play, Henry V said, before the Battle of Agincourt -- he said: I am not covetous of gold. I care not that other men doth feed upon my cost; it matters to me not that other men my garments wear. These outward things dwell not in my desires: but, if it be a sin to covet honour, then I am the most offending soul alive. And I think that's been the way you have treated us in the Senate, the way you have lived your political career, and I think all of us will miss you, and I just thought that this last bill should be marked by some statement by one of us here. Thank you.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, please. Thank you. The hour is late. I have been reliably informed that the House has, indeed, followed our example, and they have adjourned. And so we will attempt to deal with this bill, and then we have two remaining resolutions, and hopefully we'll conclude shortly here. Further discussion? Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Well, speaking to the Omnibus Bill, I would hope that in the future we deal with each and every one of these pension systems based on their own merit. There's many good things in this bill, and there's some bad things. The accrued liability bothers me. One example: I was informed this week that

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in the University SERS system, which covers all of higher education in the State of Illinois and their pension fund, for the first time in history they're going to have to sell assets in order to pay benefits. They're going to have to sell assets to pay benefits. Now how long can we go down this road? All of higher education promoted the ten-and-thirty plan, which was self-sustaining. It would pay for itself. For some reason, your committee threw that plan out and just opened up the window to the existing early retirement with a payment of the seven percent. So I don't know how far we can continue. I don't intend to support this bill, even though there are many good things in the bill. But we just can't continue to lump together the good and the bad and pass them out as public policy, when we're not willing to support the funding necessary to pay benefits in every pension system that we have an obligation to support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

I'd like to thank the Chair for the recognition. And I'd like to thank this Body for its attention. Because of John -- Senator John Friedland's early retirement - I might add with no special incentives - I've been privileged to share your pain in this Veto Session. As we looked to reduce funds for coke babies, as we thoughtfully argued the merits of twenty-five-cent raises for home health care workers, I've come to realize how deeply all of you care, and because we all care, I urge you to vote No on this bill and send these items over to consideration for the 88th General Assembly. The good of this bill can be salvaged and carefully considered in the next General Assembly at their leisure, using -- having hearings and thoughtfully considering the impact to the financial system. We need to send a message that this General Assembly was not for sale to the special interests and the -- the

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pension beneficiaries. As we say no to DCFS; as we say no to Corrections; as we say no to schoolchildren across the State of Illinois; as we encourage the increasing tuitions at our State colleges - how can we vote golden parachutes to the highest paid of our public servants? Will this be seen as welfare for the well-to-do? Please, for the good of the State of Illinois, for the kids that are going to have to pay these pension liabilities, vote No, and let the 88th General Assembly deal with this.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Jones may close.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. It has been pointed out all the good things in the bill by distinguished minority spokesperson who rose in support of this bill. He pointed out that many of the schools Downstate, those various districts would save millions of dollars. Many of those schools are in bad financial shape. We have an agreed-bill process. I -- I regret the Chicago teachers are not included, but during that process we meet with the systems, we meet with the labor unions, we meet with all parties concerned to fashion a bill that everyone can agree on. The Office of the Governor spent many, many hours, because he, too, indicated he wanted to support a early retirement package, but he wanted to have something that he could agree on. So those seven hours we spent in Room 400 were not hours put on just to try to increase the accrued liability as so many point out. One can always find fault with something, but by the same token, it's time that one come together and say, "What can we do to help the people of the State of Illinois?" This bill does that, and I ask for a favorable vote on Senate Bill 1650. The House has adjourned. The bill passed the House with 108 Yes votes. I ask for a affirmative vote.

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

Question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1650. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. And the voting's 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 37 Ayes, 8 Nays, 7 voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1650, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have only two resolutions remaining. I would ask you, please, for your patience. Of the two resolutions remaining, one is necessary, and one, in my judgment, is not. But we'll deal with both of them. Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1727 offered by President Rock, Senator Philip and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1727)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Philip and I would move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 1727. All in favor of the Motion to Suspend, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Philip and I now move the adoption of Senate Resolution 1727. All in favor, please rise. The resolution is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, one final resolution, over my strong objection. Resolution.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 196 offered by Senator -- Senators Demuzio, Philip and all Members.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 196)

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Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. There are a lot of others words that could be used to describe Phil Rock that are not in that resolution. Simply a friend, helpful, educated, trustworthy, gracious, pious, a family man, a leader, a person of honesty and integrity, a decent person. I was struck recently by a publication that came out called the Journal of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation, the Leader, in which you are featured on the cover. "Phil Rock To Retire: Illinois Statesman Reflects on his Legislative Career, his Leadership, and the State of the State Legislature." There are two paragraphs in this article that I'd like to -- to read. "Throughout his career, Rock has received great and undying support from his family and from his law partners; in deciding to retire, he is committed to spending more time with his family and at his law office in Chicago. Rock and his wife, Sheila, live in Oak Park. They have four grown children: Kathleen, Meghan, Colleen, Jay, and two grandchildren, Emily and Erwin <sic> (Erin). Leading the Illinois Senate has been an 'exhilarating experience' for Rock and one that he would highly recommend to other legislators. He has not suffered any disillusionments about government and has found a great sense of reward in enacting laws to benefit the people of Illinois. Especially those who could not help themselves. When he retires, Rock would like to be remembered for his love of the institution, for his great respect for the legislative process and for his efforts to make government work for the people of Illinois." Phil, you leave us a shining example to follow: a legacy that's rich in tradition, of caring, and fairness. Phil, I can't envision a moment without you sitting in this chair, or watching you and observing you at the Podium, or listening to you in debate, or even seeking your advice

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and counsel. Phil, we love you and Sheila and all your family for all you have given. I will truly miss you. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Will the Committee of Escort please join me at the Podium. And I would admonish the Members that the hour is late. Senator Dunn.

SENATOR T. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This may be your last physical day here, but your memory is going to live for generations, I think. When we emulate people, we look to them for their good qualities, and certainly we wouldn't have to look beyond you in our search. You've never dwelt on -- on pettiness. You leave this a better Body than you found, and we're a better people for knowing you. I finally figured out who you are - you're the fellow we studied in civics class in grade school. The people lose a champion of truth, justice and the American way. I guess the title fits. There isn't any place that Sheila and the kids can't walk and be proud of who their Dad is. We thank you for your character and your leadership, your friendship. You truly have made a difference. You've touched people's lives. You've set the standard for graciousness, fairness, being honorable. Phil, the pipes are calling. May the road rise up to meet you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

...(machine cutoff)...the Committee please come up here and -- I can't take this by myself. You've got to come up and help me. Further discussion? Senator LaPaille, for the first time in this Chamber. Welcome.

SENATOR LaPAILLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the last year, at your many testimonials - and we know you've had many testimonials - whenever I was called upon to speak, I said how disappointed I would be

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because I would not be able to serve under the leadership of Phil Rock. Last week I was able to attain my goal, and even though it was just one short day, I will truly cherish it. I stand to commend you, President Rock, for your leadership in the Senate and the Democratic Party of Illinois. As many of you know, Phil Rock was the Democratic State Chairman from 1982 to 1984, and under Phil Rock, brought our party out of the Dark Ages in political campaigns here in Illinois. Upon my election to State Chairman in 1990, Phil Rock told me that being State Chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois is something he recommended that you do once in your life, but only once. And after two Statewide elections, a National Democratic Convention, and now planning for a Presidential Inaugural in Washington, D.C., I'm beginning to concur with his recommendation. President Rock, the Democratic Party does not plan to let you go that easy. We'll be calling upon you many times in the upcoming months and years. Phil, the Democratic Party of Illinois will miss your leadership in the Illinois Senate, but beyond that, all citizens - Democrats, Republicans and Independents - will sorely miss you as a statesman and advocate for all Illinoisans. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? And I would again admonish the Members that the hour is late. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. And I really -- I told Phil some time ago that I dreaded the moment that this would happen. And I really didn't intend to get up and speak, but I move to do so, because I feel very close to Phil. We've had some good times and some bad times over the years, and I knew that I could not find the words, because I really believe that there are no words adequate enough to describe the leadership of a great giant. No tears are sobering enough to fill the void within us of your

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presence here, the kind of leadership, and the kind of community and cooperative spirit that you instilled in all of us. All of us -- most of us who are serving here, who had the opportunity to serve under you, are truly blessed, and we most certainly will be better prepared to deal with the difficult times ahead, because we did serve under you. I'm grateful and lucky, because I still have Phil Rock as one of my constituency. And I will be there -- I'm sure that he will always be there when we need him. And, Phil, I will not allow you to retire from politics. I will be there when I need you, because you make me feel that way. You're a great public servant and you will always be. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve under you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, and friends, family of Phil Rock. I had the pleasure of knowing your mother, and I know that she must be reflecting with great pride on your accomplishments. All I can say is, Phil, you've been a Gentleman. You've disagreed with us, but then you were never disagreeable. You did very well with my Minority Leader. You both were Gentlemen with each other, and you got along so well. All I can say is, Phil, job well done, and you're not going to get rid of us so easily. God bless you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate. You have exemplified better than anyone I know, the words of John Buchan when he wrote that politics is still the greatest and most honorable profession; that public service is the crown of a career. To -- to paraphrase Yeats: Think where one's glory most begins and ends, and say our



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glory is that we have such a friend. Godspeed, my friend. Godspeed, Mr. President and your family.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Marovitz.

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

Mr. President, I served under two leaders. I've been here eighteen years, and I've only served under two leaders. First was the previous resolution, Speaker Bill Redmond. And you are my last. One word describes both of you, and that one word is "fair." The two fairest men I've ever met in public life. I'm sad that with the huge turnover we have in the Legislature, that the many new Members coming into the Senate will not have the advantage of serving under a man who is truly the epitome of what -- of what a public official is all about. There are politicians and there are politicians. You, my friend, are a statesman. God bless you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have never had the opportunity to serve under anyone else other than you, Mr. President, but somehow I do not feel deprived. As we grow older in life, we learn there are very few people that are unexpendable, but I want to tell you, you come awfully close to fitting that category. I came down to Springfield from a different world - one who had no political background or experience, with the feeling that those who were here - because of a previous run-in I had had - didn't really care about the people as much as they should. You changed that feeling real quick, and I have to tell you, you -- as you leave this Chamber, you just don't leave, you end an era - an era that we will all miss. And me in particular. And I have to tell you, it's -- it's very fitting that you leave at this time, for one

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reason. And that is that there has been a change in the composition of this Body, and I can't think of anything more painful to have to have voted against you if you were here when that change occurred. So I want to tell you, I stand very proud to have served with you, and I think you have to look around this room that there are many others who share that feeling. And I want to wish you and your lovely family the very best. We shall never forget you, and I am sure you will not forget us. Thank you very much for...(machine cutoff)...

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Sheila, the Rock family. First of all, I want to thank all of you for having the opportunity, and giving us the opportunity of sharing Phil Rock, and giving him to the people of Illinois in the capacity as a Member of this Senate, as well as the Senate President. I've had the opportunity of serving here now for twenty-four years - fourteen in the House and ten in the Senate. And I served under many superb Democratic leaders, and Republican leaders, but there is no question when it came down to Senator Phil Rock - he is a cut above the leadership of both parties, not only in this State, but in this Nation. There is no question that when it comes down to excellence, whether it's in the legislative task that he has before him, or bringing about coalitions in order to support very difficult programs, Phil Rock was in that leadership. There's no question he came from the school of Jack Touhy and Art McGloon, because that's where we all came from. And Richard J. Daley. And there's no question we take pride in the fact that we're part of the Cook County Central Committee, and we serve the people of Cook County in this State in a very responsible fashion. Phil Rock, this is a new beginning, and I want you to look at it this way - and I

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really mean this: The tributes that you received this past year are very well-deserved. The tributes that all of us have participated, we've shared with you because of the excellence and the leadership you provided this Body, but come home. Come to Cook County and rest assured an opportunity exists that all of us can participate in. I wish you well.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Phil, during my ten years as a Member of this Body, we became good friends, but more than that -- even though during my tenure here with you as President, we've had a Democratic majority. And I watched you over those years as you displayed your fairness, the rights of the people of Illinois to be heard, even though you may have disagreed with those persons. I hope that legacy continue in this Chamber - the Chamber where the ideas of people from across the State of Illinois, even though we may differ, those ideas can be heard and debated in this Chamber. You leave behind a legacy of fairness. A legacy that each of us in this Chamber is proud of. So I trust that that legacy will continue. You have set the example for leadership. You leave -- leave behind big footprints to fill. And it's been my honor to serve and call you my friend.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Finally. Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, and my good friend, Phil Rock. I think, Phil, that you typify everything good in the legislative process. You know, we've gotten to be friends over the years, and I think Senator Marovitz was absolutely correct when he said, if you would try to find one word to describe Senator Rock: fairness. Now, as you know, I have

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been in the Senate for eighteen years; I have been in the minority. I want you to know that his door was always open. We talked before every Session. We'd try to work out those problems that in my judgment were best for the citizens of the State of Illinois. Can you imagine being President of the Senate for fourteen years? We probably, in the history of this State, will never have another President -- Senate President that will ever serve for that many years. You certainly have set a standard. Phil, I think one of the nicest compliments that I have received was when Senator Joyce suggested that I might be as good a President as you have been for the fourteen years. I take that as the highest compliment that you could ever pay me. And you know you have my respect, my admiration. And I'll tell you, I'm going to miss you, because you're a great Cub fan. And after the Session we used to sit around and have a few beers once in a while, and settle some of those very, very sensitive problems we've had. And I can remember Governor Thompson talking about you many, many times, and I -- if I remember correctly, he attended more of your fund-raisers than he did mine. But that didn't bother me at all, and he would always say to me, "Get a hold of Phil, come on over to the mansion, let's see if we can work out those problems". And you've always been a great guy, a great American. Sheila, we're going to give him back to you. We've had him for almost twenty years. We -- we have improved him, we've mellowed him, but now we're going to give him back to you. You know what? You ought to be very proud of your family, Phil. They certainly reflect well on you and Sheila. They're something to be extremely proud of. We're going to miss you, but I know that occasionally you're going to want to come back down here again and have a few beers with the guys, and give us some advice, and we're looking for that. Good luck and long life on your retirement.

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

It does appear that a roll call will be unnecessary, I assume. Let me first, before I say thank you - profoundly thank you - introduce to you my stalwarts: the speaker of my house, Sheila Rock. And we were -- we were reminiscing the other night, as we were packing the -- the office, that when we first came down, we came down with three or four in diapers and a dog, and it was an awful trip. My son was in diapers, and now I have two additional sons. Now I have three sons. I'd like to introduce my daughter, Kathleen, and her husband, Steve Snow; my daughter, Meghan, and her husband, Todd Simmons; my daughter, Colleen Rock; and my son, who when we started was indeed at this Podium in diapers, Jay. There -- there really is -- is not a great deal I can say, or probably should say. I want to say thank you for all that you have done for me, with me, to me. I truly, as I'm sure you know, love this institution, this process and you people. I am proud to be numbered among you, and I thank you very, very much. God bless you. ...(Applause by the Illinois Senate)... Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Mr. President, if there's no further business, I'd like to adjourn sine die, but before I do that, and if you'll follow some direction, please. If I could ask the Committee of Escort to gather in the rear of the Chamber, right now. Your family. And once you adjourn us -- hello. Once you adjourn us, then I'd like for Sheila and your family to escort you from the Chamber and for the Members of the Senate to form in behind you as a honor guard, because we have, I think, one of the Shannon Rovers over there for your departure. So I would move sine die.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the resolution. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution's adopted. Ladies and

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Gentlemen, the 87th General Assembly, pursuant to a proper motion,  
stands adjourned SINE DIE. God bless you all.

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