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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

The hour of ten o'clock having arrived, the Senate will come to order. Our Members will be at their desks. Our guests in the gallery will please rise. Our prayer this morning will be by the Reverend Rudolph Shoultz of the Union Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Shoultz.

THE REVEREND RUDOLPH SHOULTZ:

(Prayer by the Reverend Rudolph Shoultz)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Thank you, Reverend. Reading of the Journals. I'm sorry. Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Thursday, January 9, 1992.

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Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Hall. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Motion carried. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Wednesday, January 15th, in the year 1992, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Hall. Those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes

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have it. The motion's carried. It is -- it is my understanding that we have some resolutions to read in and then the Senate will stand in recess for about an hour, at which time we will come back at somewhere around the hour of eleven o'clock. With leave of the Body, we'll go to the Order of Resolutions. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 987 offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolution 988 offered by Senator Daley.

And Senate Resolutions 989 and 990 offered by Senator Topinka. They're all congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Consent Calendar. Beg your pardon. I was looking at the clock in the Chamber when I made the comments about eleven o'clock. It's been pointed out that that clock is not correct. The correct time being about twenty-five to eleven. So we will come back -- recess till about 11:30. All right. Senator Vadalabene moves that the Senate stand in recess till the hour of 11:30.

(RECESS)

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Attention, please. Your attention, please. The budget meetings will be continuing all afternoon. The Senate will reconvene at 4:00 p.m. The Senate will reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Senate will reconvene at 5:45. 5:45, and we will explain what has transpired. 5:45, right here.

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(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

The hour of five having arrived, the Senate will come to order. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 991 offered by Senator Daley and all Members.

Senate Resolution 992 offered by Senator Brookins and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 993 offered by Senator Topinka. They're death and congratulatory resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Consent Calendar. All right. With leave of the Body, we'll go to the -- Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1521 offered by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1522 offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1523 offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1524 offered by Senator Brookins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1525 offered by Senator Brookins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1526 offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Rules Committee. Senator Dudycz, for what purpose

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do you arise?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. I would like to move to Table Senate Resolution 952.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Dudycz, was that introduced today? Or where -- where is it? Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Senate -- Senate...(machine cutoff)...had been previously -- I think it was -- no, it was last week --

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Is it -- is it -- is it a -- if it was here last week, is it -- is it a -- was it a substantive resolution that was referred to -- all right. It's in Executive. All right. Senator Dudycz has moved to Table Senate Resolution 952, which is in the Executive Committee. All right. So all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution 952 is -- is Tabled. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Rock -- for what purpose do you arise? Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator Philip and I have been meeting almost interminably, it seems, and I'm happy to report -- the good news is we believe we have an agreement - reached just a little while ago with the Office of the Governor and with the House - concerning the three-hundred-and-fifty-million-dollar budget gap that was the subject of our - literally - of our being here. The bad news is, that in order to implement that -- implement the agreement and bring before us a piece of legislation or a couple of pieces of legislation to effectuate this -- this agreement, it appears by any reasonable estimate, that we're looking at about eighteen to twenty-four hours before the drafting would be finalized. So it

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was thought best to recognize that if we were to try to do it tomorrow it probably would not be until late tomorrow night. And everybody here who has been here for any length of time knows that when you get a bill of this magnitude and try to do it in a hurry or do it at night sometimes there's a slip between the cup and the lip. So what we have decided to do - and the House has already adjourned until Tuesday at noon - is that we will adjourn till nine o'clock tomorrow morning to accommodate those Members who indeed wish to stay and talk about this memorandum of agreement, and we will address the legislation next Tuesday at the hour of noon. So those who wish to get back to their district this evening are certainly welcome to -- welcome to get back. We will not be doing anything substantive tomorrow. Senator Philip and I will be available, as will the conferees, Senators Maitland and Carroll, to explain the final document. We will have it in final form, I hope, on Tuesday at noon, so that we can act expeditiously and close this budget gap. So I thank you for your patience. We truly did the best we could. And I'm happy to report, we have an agreement, but we won't be able to show it to you until Tuesday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further business to come before the Senate?
Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Like the record to indicate that Senator Raica is in the hospital convalescing and hopefully be down here next Tuesday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. The record will so indicate. All right. Senator -- Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Yeah. I -- I forgot about Senator Friedland. As you know, his -- his brother passed away, and hopefully he'll be back next

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week.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. The record will so reflect. Senator O'Daniel, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

For a point of personal privilege. This is a special day in the -- in the Illinois Senate - Senator Sam Vadalabene's fifty-seventh wedding anniversary. And we wanted to congratulate Senator Sam. Really should -- really should congratulate his wife, I suspect.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes. This is one of the happiest days of my life. I was on the process of the drawing today, and I drew a two-year term. The day I got married fifty-seven years ago, was one of the most miserable cold, windy, sleet days that I've ever had. I called my wife a while ago and said, "Honey, this is daddy. Wish you a happy anniversary." She said, "Who are you." I said, "This is Senator Sam." She said, "Who?" and hung up on me. I -- and I just want to let you know it's been a happy fifty-seven years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, one of our young colleagues has reached another milestone in her age career, and I'd like to tell you that it's Judy Topinka's birthday today. And I -- she's not even thirty-nine, I don't think. But anyhow, I'd like to -- always wish happy birthday to Judy Baar Topinka.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Happy birthday. Senator Smith, for what purpose

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do you arise? All right. Senator Brookins, for what purpose do you arise? Well -- Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Thank you. I just want the General Assembly to know that today is Ethel Alexander's birthday. And she says she's thirty-nine years old today, and she looks like twenty-nine at times, but -- so I'd like us to wish a happy birthday to Judy Topinka, my friend, and Ethel Skyles Alexander.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Happy birthday. All right. Further business to come before the Senate? Senator Rock moves that we stand adjourned till tomorrow morning at the hour of nine o'clock. Senator Rock, tomorrow morning -- Senator Rock? Tomorrow morning, nine o'clock. Tomorrow morning, nine o'clock.

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