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PRESIDENT ROCK:

The hour of one having arrived, the Senate will please come to order. Will the Members be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer this afternoon by Father Charles Olshefsky, St. Frances Cabrini Church, Springfield, Illinois. Father.

FATHER CHARLES OLSHEFSKY:

(Prayer by Father Charles Olshefsky)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Mr. President, I move that the reading and approval of the Journals of Tuesday, March 31st; Wednesday, April 1st; and Tuesday, April 7th, in the year 1992, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Smith. 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. 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 105.

It is substantive.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Executive.

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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 106.

It is congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

The Rules Committee met at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 1992. The attached list of Senate Bills were unanimously recommended for referral to the Committee on Assignment of Bills. Philip J. Rock, Chairman.

Senate Bills 400, 1106, 1474, 1478, 1479, 1483, 1490, 1492, 1493, 1495, 1497, 1499, 1517, 1520, 1523, 1526, 1529, 1533, 1542, 1547, 1548, 1550, 1581, 1584, 1585, 1592, 1599, 1610, 1618, 1624, 1625, 1636, 1648, 1652, 1667, 1670, 1671, 1677, 1693, 1699, 1700, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1709, 1711, 1716, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1732, 1733, 1754, 1764, 1778, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1787 and 1788.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1134 offered by Senator Luft.

Senate Resolutions 1135 and 1136 and 1137 offered by Senator Hall.

Senate Resolution 1138 offered by Senator Munizzi.

Senate Resolution 1139 offered by Senator Munizzi.

Senate Resolution 1140 offered by Senator Watson.

Senate Resolution 1141 offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

Senate Resolution 1142 offered by Senator Savickas and all

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Members.

And Senate Resolution 1143 offered by Senator Smith.
They're all congratulatory and death resolutions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Joint Resolution 142 offered by Senators Hawkinson,
Luft, Maitland, Madigan, Schuneman and Welch.

It is substantive.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Executive. Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1802 offered by Senator Marovitz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1803 offered by Senator Marovitz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1804 offered by Senator Marovitz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1805 offered by Senator Marovitz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1806 offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1807 offered by Senators Ralph Dunn and Topinka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1808 offered by Senator Schuneman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1809 offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1810 offered by Senator Etheredge.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1811 offered by Senator Topinka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1812 offered by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1813 offered by Senator Raica.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1814 offered by Senator Topinka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1815 offered by Senator Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1816 offered by Senator Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1817 offered by Senator Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1818 offered by Senator Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1819 offered by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1820 offered by Senator Schaffer.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1821 offered by Senator Schaffer.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1822 offered by Senator Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1823 offered by Senator -- Senators Lechowicz and Kelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1824 offered by Senator Lechowicz and President Rock.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1825 offered by Senator Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1826 offered by Senator -- Kelly and Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1827 offered by Senator Marovitz and President Rock.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1828 offered by Senator Lechowicz and President Rock.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1829 offered by Senator -- Senator Cullerton, President Rock and Senator Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1830 offered by Senator Marovitz, President Rock and Senator Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

With leave of the Body, we'll interrupt this order of business. We have a very special guest with us today. And WCIA-TV Channel 3 has requested permission to shoot some videotape. If I could have the Members' attention, and ask that you be -- please be seated. We have a special guest with us this afternoon. And the introduction will be done and the Chair will yield to Senator Topinka. Senator.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Thank you, President Rock and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Today marks a very important occurrence and event in history. It is something that I think none of us ever want to forget, because it's something that's changed the course of World War II; it changed the course of history. Today marks the fiftieth anniversary of the fall of Bataan. It also marks a very important unification and a bonding with Filipino-Americans who served so admirably with United States forces. If I may note that with us today we have representatives of all the major veterans groups, who are in the gallery. And they are all, you know, in their uniforms and -- and here for this observance. We also have

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in the gallery, in the back -- and I would ask that you welcome our veterans groups, plus this delegation of Filipino-Americans. And if I may announce who they are - we have Juliette Campos, who represents the Philippine Nurses' Association of Western Chicago; we also have Angel Quiaoit and Vic Fong, who are both former presidents of the Filipino-American Association of South DuPage; and we also have former Darien alderman Dan Uaje, who is the representative of the Filipino Political Action Committee. If you would stand up, as we have our veterans groups. And, Ladies and Gentlemen, can we welcome them all to Springfield on this observance. With us today to mark this occasion we do have Dr. Jaime S. Bautista. He's the Consul General of the Philippines. And if I may share with you his background. Before being assigned to Chicago as Philippine Consul General to the Midwest, Dr. Bautista served as Consul General to the Pacific Northwest. In Seattle, Dr. Bautista was Dean of the Consular Corps and served on the board of trustees of the World Affairs Council, was Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Inter Country Exchanges of the Rotary Club of Seattle, and was also a member of the Advisory Board of the Pacific Center at Edmonds College -- Community College, as well as a member of the Asian Arts Council of the Seattle Art Museum. In Chicago, he is a member of the Chicago Philippines Lions Club, the International Trade Club of Chicago, Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the Field Museum of Natural History, and Shedd Aquarium. He has also recently joined the Union League Club. He has a very involved resume. I will jump down to the fact that he does hold a law degree, which he received in the Philippines; he's married; he has four children. He's here with us to share some of the history of Bataan. And I must tell you - and, Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention - Illinois played a very important part in Bataan, because outside of Proviso -- in Proviso Township, in west suburban Cook County, most specifically the

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Village of Maywood, a National Guard Unit was mobilized; did serve; was captured; was on the Bataan death march; suffered extreme casualties. So when it comes to Bataan, Illinois has a very vested interest. And with that, if I may at this time present to you, and I would hope you would welcome with just a tremendous round of applause, Dr. Jaime Bautista, the Consul General of the Philippines.

DR. JAIME S. BAUTISTA:

(Remarks by Dr. Jaime S. Bautista)

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Well, we certainly thank Dr. Bautista for being here today with us. And I'm thrilled that we've been joined by a pretty full gallery of schoolchildren, who have come to visit to get a little history lesson on what happened fifty years ago today. We do have, as a memento of Dr. Bautista's visit with us, a resolution honoring the bond between Americans and Filipinos and what occurred in Bataan, and I'm sure he and the Department of Veterans' Affairs would want you all to know, and invite you to a reception that will be held tonight at the La Fore Lock Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Road. It will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. tonight. And two more little facts, which I think are kind of of interest: that in the -- in the fall of Bataan and with the ensuing movement of seventy-eight thousand American and Filipino troops to POW camps, which were ninety miles away, that was the Bataan Death March; and then a captivity of those who survived for nearly three and a half years. That was just the most incredible act of human endurance and self-sacrifice by women and men in uniform. One -- one very important fact that I think has always been overlooked: that until the recent Persian Gulf War, America's only women POWs were captured in the Japanese conquest of the Philippines in 1942. There were eighty-one women involved: seventy-eight Army and Navy nurses, two dietitians and

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one physical therapist. They all survived their captivity, and we still have forty-four of them who are still living today. So as a result, everybody contributed to this particular effort. It is a major event in history. We do thank you, Dr. Bautista. And to the people of the Philippines, our deep gratitude for your participation, your help and the continued friendship with America, and especially the State of Illinois. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Severns, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point, please.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

It's my honor to have joining us today in the -- in the gallery at the rear, Mr. Charles Smith and the eighth grade class from Macon Middle School. And they've been good enough to write many letters talking about the importance of educational funding in this State, and I assured them the Senate will do the right thing.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized. Welcome to Springfield. All right. Introduction of Bills, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1831 offered by Senators Lechowicz and Rock.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1832 offered by Senator Lechowicz and President Rock.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1833 offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1834 offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1835 offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1836 offered by Senator Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1837 offered by Senator Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1838 offered by Senator Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1839 offered by Senator Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1840 offered by President Rock, Senators Carroll, Davidson, Ralph Dunn, Etheredge and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1841 offered by Senators Weaver, D'Arco, Carroll, Davidson, Ralph Dunn and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1842 offered by Senators Vadalabene, Ralph Dunn, Carroll, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1843 offered by Senators Maitland, Davidson, Welch, Carroll and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1844 offered by Senators Carroll, Davidson, Ralph Dunn, Etheredge and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1845 offered by Senators Severns, Etheredge, Woodyard, Carroll and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1846 offered by Senators Severns, Etheredge and Woodyard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1847 offered by Senators Etheredge, Hall, Carroll, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1848 offered by Senator Etheredge.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1849 offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1850 offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1851 offered by Senator Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1852 offered by Senator Palmer.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1853 offered by Senator Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1854 offered by Senator Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1855 offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1856 offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1857 offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1858 offered by Senator Thomas Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill -- pardon me, 1859 offered by Senator Thomas Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1860 offered by Senators Severns and Macdonald.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1861 offered by Senator Severns.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1862 offered by Senator Etheredge.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1863 offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1864 offered by Senator J.E. Joyce.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1865 offered by Senator Thomas Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1866 offered by Senator Thomas Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1867 offered by Senator Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1868 offered by Senator Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1869 offered by Senator Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1870 offered by Senator Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1871.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1872 offered by Senator Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1873 offered by Senator Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1874 offered by Senator Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1875 offered by Senator Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1876 offered by Senator Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1877 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1878 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1879 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1880 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1881 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1882 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1883 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1884 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1885 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1886 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1887 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1888 offered by Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1889 offered by Senators Hall, Smith, del Valle
and Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1890 offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1891 offered by Senator Schaffer.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1892 offered by Senator Leverenz.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1893 offered by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1894 offered by Senator Etheredge.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1895 offered by Senator Topinka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1896 offered by Senators Davidson, Philip, Weaver,
Schaffer and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1898 offered by Senators Schuneman, Philip,
Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1899 offered by Senators Etheredge, Philip,
Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1900 offered by Senators Schuneman, Philip,
Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1901 offered by Senators Weaver, Philip, Davidson,
Schaffer, DeAngelis and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1902 offered by Senators Mahar, Philip, Weaver,
Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Pardon me, Madam Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave
of the Body, the Illinois Farm Bureau has requested permission to
videotape part of the proceedings. Without objection, leave is
granted. Continue, Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1897 offered by Senators Topinka, Philip, Weaver,

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Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1903 offered by Senators Donahue, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1904 offered by Senators Davidson, Philip, Weaver, Schaffer and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1905 offered by Senators Donahue, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1906 offered by Senators Donahue, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1907 offered by Senators Davidson, Philip, Weaver, Schaffer and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1908 offered by Senators Etheredge, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1909 offered by Senators Madigan, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1910 offered by Senators Mahar, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1911 offered by Senators Topinka, Philip, Weaver, Schaffer, DeAngelis and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1912 offered by Senators Madigan, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1913 offered by Senators Kelly, Hudson, Etheredge, Leverenz and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1914 offered by Senator Friedland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1915 offered by Senators Kelly, Hudson, Etheredge.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1916 offered by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1917 offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1918 offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1919 offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1920 offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1921 offered by Senator Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Pardon me, Madam Secretary. Senator Macdonald, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MACDONALD:

I rise on a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point, please.

SENATOR MACDONALD:

Yes. I would like to introduce to the Senate Body today two very special friends of mine, the committeewoman from -- or, committeeman, excuse me, from Wheeling Township, the Honorable Connie Peters, and also the Supervisor of Wheeling Township, the Honorable Ruth Grundberg. Would you please welcome them.

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

Will our guests please feel welcome. Welcome to Springfield. All right. Introduction of Bills, Madam Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, after the Introduction of Bills, we will move immediately to the Calendar to consider House Bill 214, at Senator Maitland's request, and that will effectively conclude our business. Introduction, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1922 offered by Senators Jacobs, Madigan, Schuneman and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1923 offered by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1924 offered by Senator Luft.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1925 offered by Senators Luft and DeAngelis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1926 offered by Senator Luft.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1927 offered by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1927 offered by Senators Marovitz and Smith <sic>.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1928 offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1929 offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1930 offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1931 offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1931 offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1932 offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1933 offered by Senator Luft.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1934 offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1935 offered by Senators Luft, Jacobs, Thomas
Dunn, Severns and Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1936 offered by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1937 offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1938 offered by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1939 offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1940 offered by Senator Schuneman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1941 offered by Senators Hudson, Philip, Weaver,
Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1942 offered by Senators Hudson, Philip, Weaver,
Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1943 offered by Senators Macdonald, Philip,
Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1944 offered by Senators Friedland, Philip,
Weaver, Davidson and others.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1945 offered by Senators Woodyard, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1946 offered by Senators Schaffer, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1947 offered by Senators Rigney, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1948 offered by Senators Karpziel, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1949 offered by Senators Schaffer, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1950 offered by Senators Donahue, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1951 offered by Senators Etheredge, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1952 offered by Senators Rigney, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1253 <sic> (1953) offered by Senators Davidson, Philip, Weaver and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1954 offered by Senators Macdonald, Philip, Weaver, Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1955 offered by Senators Woodyard, Philip, Weaver,

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Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1956 offered by Senators Rigney, Philip, Weaver,
Davidson and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1957 offered by Senator Hudson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1958 offered by Senators Hudson and Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1959 offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1960 offered by Senator Brookins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1961 offered by Senator Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1962 offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1963 offered by Senator Raica.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1964 offered by Senators Raica and Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1965 offered by Senator Palmer.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1966 offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1967 offered by Senator Hudson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1968 offered by Senator Hudson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1969 offered by President Rock and Senators
Holmberg, Thomas Dunn and Severns.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1970 offered by Senator Karpziel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1971 offered by Senator Schaffer.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1972 offered by Senator Woodyard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1973 offered by Senators Woodyard, Topinka and Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1974 offered by Senator Woodyard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1975 offered by Senators Marovitz and Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1976 offered by Senator Luft.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1977 offered by Senator Luft.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1979 <sic> (1978) offered by Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1979 offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1980 offered by Senator Thomas Dunn -- pardon me, Senator Ralph Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1981 offered by Senator Karpziel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1982 offered by Senator Topinka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1983 offered by Senators Holmberg and -- pardon me, Severns and Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1984 offered by Senator Severns.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1985 offered by Senator Severns.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1986 offered by Senator Leverenz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1987 offered by Senator Leverenz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

...(machine cutoff)...

Senate Bill 1988 offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. All those bills will be referred to the Rules Committee. All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention, I'd ask the staff to take the conferences off the Floor. Tomorrow, as you know, is the deadline - self-imposed deadline - for the introduction of bills. The Reference Bureau informs us that they are still a little backed up. So I would encourage all of you to ride herd on your bills, so that you can get them in tomorrow. And speaking of tomorrow, the Rules Committee will meet at nine o'clock in Room 212; the Session will commence at 9:30. It does not appear that there will be a great deal of business to be transacted aside from the introduction of bills, so that we will come in at 9:30 and then recess probably before 10:00 until five o'clock, for the purpose of assuring that all Members' bills will indeed be introduced, but we will effectively conclude our business, I suggest, before ten o'clock tomorrow morning, and then we'll return, obviously, on the 21st day of April. All right. If you can turn your attention to page 2 on the Calendar. There's been a request to go to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, Madam Secretary. On page 2 on the Calendar is found House Bill 214. Read the bill, please.

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 214.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. House Bill 214, as amended, was discussed at length on -- on the Floor of this Body yesterday. It -- it provides for a hundred -- up to 100.4 million dollars of supplemental appropriations to the health insurance program for State employees - fifty-two million from General Revenue, 23.8 Road Fund, and 26.4 million from other funds. In addition to that, an amendment yesterday, offered by -- by Senator Jacobs, would appropriate an additional three million dollars from the State Gaming Fund to local governments. It further would appropriate up to eight million dollars, or -- or so much that is available, from the State Gaming Fund to the Educational Assistance Fund, and then subsequently appropriates that money from the Educational Assistance Fund to State Board of Education for general apportionment. I believe the bill has been fully debated. I would be happy to respond to any questions. If not, would seek your support.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved passage of House Bill 214. Discussion? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. We did have a lot of time yesterday discussing this, and unfortunately, I think many of the Members feel that the answers - not from Senator Maitland - but those that we -- he were -- that those answers which he was given were really not sufficient to

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explain to State employees - ourself included - whether or not these bills will be paid. I think the fact that the administration has not gotten approval to take from these accounts yet, and appears to be weeks away from knowing whether they will or not, makes what we're doing a little bit tough. 'Cause we're saying to State employees, by this action, that the contract we made with you will be honored. I think it has to be honored; I think it absolutely essential to be honored. And as Senator Maitland and Etheredge know, for the last couple of years when we've been in conference, I've been saying that all along that we've been shorting Group Insurance, which is ours also - as well as the other hundred and thirty thousand people who use it - and at the same time we're not really solving the problem, as I see it. And that bothers me. I think we should have had a plan that truly did solve the problem, because we've led people to believe that we're going to cover about a hundred million dollars of the shortfall, when we know we're not - nowhere near that. So people are going to think that we, the General Assembly, following the lead of the Governor, took his advice and gave them a hundred million to pay a portion of their bills. And they're going to find again, as we get down the road, maybe May, that doctors are not going to take the State's credit card, because the State ain't good for its money. Because by that time again, we'll find that there's about a twenty-million-dollar shortfall, at least, out of this hundred million. And doctors and hospitals and other providers of health care are going to say, "This is not an insurance card that I will accept." You, the employee, are stuck again - putting out the money and waiting to hope someday the State will pay you back. I am also concerned of the impact it will have on the Lottery and on the Road Fund. Those are two accounts that -- no, I don't agree, Senator Maitland, that it comes out of administration, because we've already allocated those

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funds that were designed for administration. And what's left is the prize fund in Lottery and the construction accounts in the Road Fund. And I'm not saying that they should not be charged in the future, and should have been charged in the past, for this administrative cost, but they were not. And by going back now, we really are, in fact, impacting - in my opinion - the prize fund account and the road building account. We may have no choice but to do that, but it's really not the right way to go, particularly when - particularly when - at the bottom line, we're really fooling the employees of this State, because the providers are not going to be fooled. They're not going to wait; they're going to say, "Pay now, and you wait for your money." I think it's a shame that this is the only solution that has been offered.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

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

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Maitland indicates he will yield, Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Thank you. Senator Maitland, will this pay the health insurance of the Governor of the State of Illinois? Is this what this will do? Is the Governor covered under this health insurance plan that we're trying to pay, so that they will honor his bills too?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Senator Brookins, we are all under the same group health insurance policy, including the Governor.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

So you're saying that your health insurance policy and my health insurance policy is under this same program, and this bill will cover those funds?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

That is correct.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

I think we earn something like thirty-seven five a year. And therefore, we're going to pay our health insurance, while we cannot provide for the health insurance of people that we are proposing - in yesterday's budget - to cut off of -- of -- of health care; the people that make two thirty-five?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

I -- I guess, Senator, I'm not sure I understand your question. I -- only to say that -- that we are -- as a State, we are self-insured, and this -- this appropriates additional money to fund that program for all of us.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Question, since you don't seem to understand. Let me see, can I rephrase it so that you may understand what I'm asking you. I'm trying to determine if, by voting for this bill, I'm voting to pay health insurance for folks that make ninety, seventy-five, sixty-five, fifty-five, and thirty-seven-fifty salaries. Is that

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correct?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Yes, sir, and also those who are making six, seven, eight, nine and ten thousand dollars a year.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

To the question, Mr. President: I think that in the budget hearing, which I sat through, where the Governor indicated that we're going to have to cut off funds to senior citizens, funds to mentally handicapped people, and -- and people that are unable to work, and et cetera, where we're going to have to really bite the bullet in these years, that I don't think that we need to do, as he said that he would not do, piecemeal together a budget just to protect some folks that are able to be able to afford the ten or fifteen dollars that they may have to supplement their health care with, through passing legislation such as this. It is self-serving. Because as I see it, we're here voting to help ourselves where we're going to have to go home and face people that we have cut off such aid because we do not have the money. And until we can find a solution to help all, I don't think that we should help a few. We had this same situation when we had hearings concerning the CTA and their budgeting for their executives. And one of the Members of this organization, that sits on the other side of the aisle, asked that same specific question, in the same way, which I am phrasing it. Why should we cut service to those that are least able to afford it and to give to the -- the big guys or the -- or the executives? I don't think that is right; it is not fair; and we're in the same boat. And I urge that we do not at this time pass this legislation.

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Leverenz.

SENATOR LEVERENZ:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Leverenz.

SENATOR LEVERENZ:

I have a technical question for the sponsor. We're going into federal funds that have come to the State and kind of like charging back for health care costs that we didn't, perhaps, charge the first year. I understand we're going back - is it one year, two years, three years, or -- how far back are we going back and claiming against the federal funds?

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Senator, let me -- let me make certain, first of all, that -- that in a -- in a number of those areas, we don't know whether we're going to go into those funds at all. We want to make sure -- the Governor's Office wants to make sure that what is -- is being done is -- is done within the framework of the law and -- and guidelines that they are supposed to be following. But -- direct answer to your question, then, is one year.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Leverenz.

SENATOR LEVERENZ:

Okay. We're only going back, then, one year, but you're not really going to spend anything until you find that you have authority to do so? Just nod your head. Then -- would this -- the bill we're about to pass, then, would you characterize it as a spending authorization, or are we actually appropriating cash so that the Comptroller can spend it?

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Senator, you've been in this business as long as I've been in this business, and -- and we've fought these battles together, and you know this is -- this is the spending authority; that if we pass it, there is the authority, then, to spend the money - up to a hundred million four hundred thousand.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Leverenz.

SENATOR LEVERENZ:

Then this is mostly symbolic, rather than actually paying any bills. But I guess we'll vote Aye for that.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I -- I did, too, want to raise some points that were -- were raised yesterday. Senator Maitland, I -- I doubt very seriously if this whole plan is really going to work, because, as indicated by Senator Carroll, I think the feds and others have not really signed off on these various trust accounts. But I guess the more important issue is that somewhere along the line you and I and others in this Chamber have got to come to some realization that you can't any longer have eighteen hundred special federal and State trust accounts by which we can draw from. Either we're going to have to start consolidating some of these funds into -- into one fund and appropriating them out for specific purposes, or perhaps -- there's got to be some other -- other way to do this. We keep raiding these funds, and maybe it's time for us to have some public policy that continues -- or shall I say, when, in fact, innovatively begin to consolidate some of these accounts.

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And secondly, I guess, though more importantly, is that when we left here last week Central Management Services did have, in fact, at that time, about thirty/thirty-three million dollars, which they said themselves that they were holding to pay providers' bills, like HMOs and other special contractual arrangements, that they had during April, May and June. And they were withholding that thirty-three million dollars; and therefore, they were not paying the same contractual arrangement that we have with our State employees in a timely fashion. And that disturbs me. Now I understand that they've been spending that so-called surplus over there at the rate of about eight million dollars a day, and today it's down to around seventeen million. This I don't believe, as I've indicated, will work. I think you'll find -- that we will find that the federal government will come back to us and say, "Wait a minute. We gave you those dollars for a specific bona fide purpose, and now you in the Legislature are stealing those dollars to provide for other things that we had not included in our -- in our awards to the State of Illinois, whether they be block grants or specific proposals or what have you." So this is a troubling proposal today, knowing full well that there are a number of State employees who are out there that have had children, who cannot pay their bills, that are being threatened with having to go for small claims court, to lawyers, to lawsuits, and et cetera. So it's a difficult vote, I know, for a lot of people, because you're taking money out of a lot of different specific accounts here. And I guess the only thing that you can say is that those allocations out of those amounts were for employees that were working in those amounts -- in those accounts, and as a consequence, the money is owed for specific medical services. I don't know how else you're going to explain it, today. But I do think that in the long range that public policy with respect to the trust accounts and a long-range solution to

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this problem is something that is the obligation of the Members of the Senate and the House to work out, and get away from this piecemeal crash approach of attempting to solve these problems whenever we have a crisis. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Further discussion? Senator Maitland, you wish to close?

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I believe that the bill has been -- been well-debated the last two days. Let me just make a couple of comments. First of all, there is no question in -- in any of our minds, nor was there a question last spring, that -- that -- that this fund was -- was underappropriated. We knew we had not appropriated enough money to fully fund the program. This is an attempt to do that. The bills cannot be paid unless -- unless this authority is granted. The bills cannot be paid unless this authority is granted today. And if the money is there - and I think it will be - it will be paid. Not perhaps up to the hundred million, but perhaps a few million dollars less than that. And I think that's an important point to make. Secondly, let me say - I think for the fourth or fifth time since this debate has been going on - this is not a new initiative. This is absolutely what we do every spring when we build the budget that's passed here sometime late in June, in every fund. This is the way it's done. But for the last three years, in supplementals, we have not done this. We are now getting back to the way we have done it before. And you can look through the smoke and mirrors all you want to, but that's a fact. And this is not a new initiative, and I think in the interest of the over sixty thousand permanent State employees, plus a lot of retirees out there, who we all represent and who are asking us to take care of them, we need to pass this legislation and move it over to the House today. And I would appreciate your support.

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Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Question is, shall House Bill 214 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. 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 49 Ayes, 6 Nays, 2 voting Present. House Bill 214, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Demuzio, Co-chairman of the Senate Committee on Assignment of Bills, reports the assignment of the following bills to committees: Agriculture and Conservation - Senate Bills 1550 and 1754; Appropriations I - Senate Bills 1483, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730 and 1733; Elections and Reapportionment - Senate Bill 1636; Elementary and Secondary Education - Senate Bills 1526, 1542, 1624, 1652 and 1699; Energy and Environment - Senate Bills 1478, 1529, 1716, 1764 and 1778; Executive - Senate Bills 1618, 1700 and 1782; Finance - Senate Bill 1584; Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities - Senate Bills 1492, 1493, 1517, 1533, 1581, 1670 and 1709; Judiciary I - Senate Bills 1523, 1592, 1648 and 1693; Judiciary II - Senate Bill 1499; Labor - Senate Bill -- Senate Bills 1787 and 1788; Local Government - Senate Bills 1585, 1625 and 1711; Public Health, Welfare and Corrections - Senate Bills 1495 and 1610; Revenue - Senate Bills 1474, 1479, 1490, 1520, 1547, 1599, 1671, 1703, 1704 and 1705; State Government Organization and Administration - Senate Bills 1548, 1667, 1677, 1732, 1783 and 1784; And Transportation - Senate Bill 1497.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. I would ask the Committee Chairmen to please avail yourself of this list and post these bills for hearing the week of the 21st, so that we can begin on schedule. Senator Marovitz, for what purpose do you arise?

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SENATOR MAROVITZ:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would move that the appropriate posting requirements be waived for Senate Joint Resolution 130, Senate Joint Resolution 131 and Senate Resolution 1144, so that they could be heard today in the Executive Committee. I've checked with the Minority Spokesman and staff, and there is no objection.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. You've heard the Gentleman's request to waive the posting notice so that certain resolutions can be heard today. I assume your committee will meet at -- Senator Marovitz.

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

Committee will meet at 2:30 in Room 212. We have got constitutional amendments where there's time requirements, and we've got other -- resolutions that will be heard today. And if we can get in, we should be able to get out of there within about an hour and a half, in Room 212. And, Mr. President, I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish well a member of -- of our staff who's leaving today. Today is her last day and she's moving on to handle many important issues that the State is going to be dealing with. Jeanne Crowley has been a valued member of our Senate Democratic Staff - our press staff. And she's done a great job for an awful lot of us, and she's going to work for a fine firm in Chicago - Jasculca-Terman. We wish her the very, very best of luck.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman sought leave to have those resolutions heard in committee today without the proper -- without the required posting. Without objection, leave is granted. Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1144 offered by Senator Marovitz.

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Senate Resolution 1145 offered by Senators Woodyard and Dunn.

And Senate Resolution -- Senate Joint Resolution 143 offered by Senator Severns and -- and other Members.

They're all substantive.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Executive.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 1146 offered by Senator Lechowicz, President Rock and all Members.

It is congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1988 offered by Senator Karpziel <sic> (Berman).

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1989 offered by Senator Karpziel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1990 offered by Senators Severns and Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1991 offered by Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1992 offered by Senators del Valle and Alexander.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Any further announcements? Further business to come before the Senate? All right. If not, Senator Vadalabene moves that the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, April 9th, tomorrow morning at the hour of 9:30. 9:30 tomorrow morning, Ladies and Gentlemen. My guess is that we will be out before 10:00. Senate stands adjourned till 9:30. Senate Exec will meet at 2:30 in Room 212.

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Senate stands adjourned.

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