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PRESIDENT ROCK:

...(machine cutoff)...Senate will please come to order. Will the Members be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer this afternoon by the Reverend T.D. Robinson, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend.

THE REVEREND T.D. ROBINSON:

(Prayer by the Reverend T.D. Robinson)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Thank you, Reverend. Senator Brookins, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Yes. Mr. President, I think on a point of personal privilege, and also to let the chaplain of the day know that six Senators were on a plane this morning, and we had a narrow close call, and with Senator Margaret Smith on the plane with us - she went into deep prayer and talked with his boss and it brought us through. So I think that the chaplain of the day was right in order this morning.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The record will so reflect. Reading of the Journal, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journals of Thursday, May 2; and Friday, May 3, 1991.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Dunn.

SENATOR T. DUNN:

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

PRESIDENT ROCK:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Dunn. Is there

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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 passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 53, 135, 162, 167, 169, 299, 331, 367, 407, 420, 439, 460, 480, 489, 500, 506, 515, 610, 670, 673, 715, 761, 778, 815, 818, 914, 922, 943, 945, 988, 1013, 1025, 1026, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1099, 1101, 1103 <sic> (1113), 1123, 1137, 1159, 1218, 1225, 1230, 1235, 1238, 1254, 1256, 1296, 1314, 1340, 1353, 1376, 1380, 1381, 1403, 1415, 1418, 1430, 1441, 1453, 1464, 1475, 1499, 1522, 1589, 1601, 1623, 1632, 1668, 1675, 1676, 1687, 1698, 1713, 1744, 1750, 1751, 1751 -- pardon me, 1752, 1764, 1769, 1815, 1819, 1828, 1838, 1855, 1856, 1860, 1889, 1912, 1925, 1935 <sic> (1934), 2015 <sic> (2014), 2015, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2038, 2063, 2075, 2085, 2096, 2128, 2134, 2137, 2234, 2306, 2317, 2338, 2352, 2355, 2366, 2380, 2413, 2431, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2446, 2448, 2456, 2462, 2476, 2494, 2495, 2521, 2527, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2571 and 2595.

Passed the House, May 2nd <sic> (3rd), 1991.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Corrections, reports Senate Bills numbered 101, 477, 502, 623, 638, 646, 894 and 1205 Do Pass. And Senate Bills numbered 442 and 601 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Brookins, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation,

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reports Senate Bills numbered 222, 428, 439, 671, 753, 781, 808, 1279, 1281 and 1428 Do Pass. And Senate Bills numbered 230, 524 and 566 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

If I -- if I can have the Members' attention for just a moment, we have some special guests. If I can have your attention, we have some special guests. And the Chair will yield to Senator Jim Rea.

SENATOR REA:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Today we have a very distinguished group with us from Herrin, Illinois - a community that has been very progressive over the years. They have certainly been a community that's been committed and have done much for their community and for economic development. Whenever they would see a crisis, they would join together, and they would move as a unified effort. Over the last few years, they have had what they call the Herrinfest. And that is coming up again this year. And with forty percent of the population being Italians, they have chosen to -- they have chosen to focus in that direction this year. And at this time, I would like to call the Secretary of the Senate forward to read Senate Resolution 310.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

(Secretary reads SR No. 310)

SENATOR REA:

At this time, I would like to introduce the President of the Herrin Chamber of Commerce and the first lady to serve as the President of the Herrin Chamber, Marlene Simpson.

MARLENE SIMPSON:

(Remarks and Introductions by Marlene Simpson)

SENATOR REA:

Could we have your attention, please.

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MAYOR ED QUAGLIA:

(Remarks by Mayor Ed Quaglia)

SENATOR REA:

Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

(Italian comment by Senator DeAngelis) (Translation: Could you do the resolution in Italian, please?)

SENATOR REA:

Thank -- thank you very kindly.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Luft, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR LUFT:

Personal privilege, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point, please.

SENATOR LUFT:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, located in the President's Gallery, right above us here, is Marie Sonnon with the students of the Education Foundation for Foreign Studies from Peru, Illinois. They're here in Springfield today visiting the Capitol and the museum. Would our guests please stand and be recognized by the Senate. Welcome to Springfield.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Will our guests please rise and be recognized. Welcome to Springfield. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to waive the posting rules on Senate Bills 405, 507 and 1002, so that they may be heard in State Government Organization today. It's my understanding that this has been cleared with the other side of the aisle. And also, to waive the posting notice with respect to House Bill -- I'm sorry, Senate Bill 5, 10, 11, 315, 424, 561, 578, 674, 787, 826,

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903, -- 1104, 1128, 1130 and 1346, so that they may be heard in the Education Committee on -- on Friday. And it's my understanding that it's been cleared by both sides.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Given the fact that Friday is the deadline to get committee -- get bills out of committee, I think that motion is in order. Without objection, leave is granted. Senator Friedland, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR FRIEDLAND:

Well, thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. I believe I heard him say that he had cleared it with this side for some bills to be heard in State Government Reorganization <sic> (Organization). I don't know. Who did -- who did he check with? I'm -- I'm -- I'm only the minority spokesman. He must have talked with somebody over here. I mean -- probably Senator Philip or maybe Geo.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Not I, Lord. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to ask for unanimous consent and suspension of rules on Senate Joint Resolution 50, which celebrates Greek Independence Day. And there's a parade Friday, and it's an emergency that we can get it across and move it to the House.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Geo-Karis, we'll read it in right now. Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolutions 325 offered by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 326 offered by President Rock and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 327 offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

Senate Resolution 328 offered by Senator Watson and all Members.

Senate -- Senate Joint Resolution 50 offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

And Senate Joint Resolution 51 offered by Senators Friedland, Etheredge and Karpel.

They're all nonsubstantive.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. All of those will be placed on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Senate Joint Resolution 50. Senator Geo-Karis has moved to suspend the applicable rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 50, which recognizes, and we designate, this week to be Greek Heritage Week. Everybody will be at the Greek parade on Saturday, I am sure. Discussion? If not, all in favor of the Motion to Suspend, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Geo-Karis now moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 50. 5-0. Discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Senator Kelly, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I also request the waiving of the posting requirements for Senate Bill 37 and 110. These are -- will come before the Executive Appointment Committee. These are the only two bills that are coming before our Committee on Veterans Affairs. And I would request -- and I had spoken to the minority spokesperson about this earlier...(inaudible)...

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has requested that those two bills be -- that the posting notice be waived so that the bills can be

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heard at the scheduled committee meeting tomorrow at one o'clock. Without objection, leave is granted. Senator Severns, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to move for immediate adoption of Senate Resolution 326. It is a resolution that's somewhat controversial - I should point out - because it -- it points out that -- that our Assistant Majority Leader, Senator Demuzio, turns fifty. And I -- I think it's debatable, but nevertheless I would like to move for immediate action.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Senator Severns has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 326, which calls to the attention of the People of Illinois that Senator Demuzio is 50. 5-0. Over the hill. All in favor of the Motion to Suspend, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Severns now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 326, which lets the world know and also expresses our best wishes for a happy birthday. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution's adopted. Senator Severns, the resolution is adopted.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Mr. President, I just wanted to rise to -- to object to the last resolution, because I have evidence that Senator Demuzio was, in fact, hatched about six months earlier than this. So that he's really fifty years old six months ago. But I guess one only turns fifty once, but in Demuzio's case it may be twice. So I'll

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withdraw my objection.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Luft, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR LUFT:

Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, was going to object. Because I'm sure that if we would rereview the records of the Senate, I think it was three or four years ago that we celebrated Senator Demuzio's fiftieth birthday. And it's getting tiresome celebrating the same birthday every year.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio, happy birthday anyway. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, first of all, before I respond to that, Senate Bill 922 -- I'd like to move to discharge the Committee on Elections - and it's my -- by approval of the chairman - and have Senate Bill 922 reassigned from Elections to the Committee on Revenue, Mr. President. And then --

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman seeks leave to discharge the Committee on Elections from further consideration of Senate Bill 922 and asks that it be re-referred to the Committee on Revenue. Without objection, leave is granted. It's so ordered. If we can have your attention, Ladies and Gentlemen. We'll only be on the Floor just another couple of moments, if we could just have your attention for a few more moments. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Also need to move to -- with respect to the posting rules on Senate Bill 922, in order that it may be heard in Revenue this week by Senator Luft, who's vastly approaching his sixtieth birthday.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman seeks leave to waive the posting

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requirement with respect to that Senate Bill 922 that has just been re-referred. Without objection, leave is granted. It's so ordered. Senator Luft, for the third time.

SENATOR LUFT:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is for Senator Cullerton. I'd like to move the appropriate -- waive the appropriate posting rules for Senate Bill 792 to be heard in Revenue Committee Wednesday.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman seeks to waive the posting requirement for Senate Bill 7-9-2, given the fact that this is the last week for bills to be heard in committee. Without objection, leave is granted. Senator Dunn, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR T. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask leave to waive the posting notices on 764 and 765 for Judiciary I tomorrow.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman seeks leave to waive the posting requirement for Senate Bill 764 and 5 to be heard in Judiciary I tomorrow. Without objection, leave is granted. Senator Philip, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. A point of personal privilege. I understand that the --

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point.

SENATOR PHILIP:

-- Gentleman from Prophetstown also has a birthday today. He is sixty some-odd years. And I would wish the Senate would acknowledge his ability, judgment and tenure.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Schuneman, happy birthday from all of us. Senator

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Schuneman.

SENATOR SCHUNEMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. It is true that Senator Demuzio and I share the same birth date. And I think it's only fair to announce to you now, that it's also true that we're the same age.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Schaffer, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

Mr. President, I suspect we're going to have a very interesting Session. It's my understanding that the galleries are prohibited from displaying signs. And I believe they're gone right now, but a little while ago, there were a few signs in the gallery that I suspect many people would find highly offensive. Without commenting on the issue one way or the other, I'd just like to see our doormen reinstructed about the rules of the Senate, and I don't particularly like seeing that face in the gallery, regardless of the cause.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The -- the Chair has taken note of that, Senator. Thank you for calling that to our attention. Senator Keats, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR KEATS:

For the Members, a little more serious announcement, if I could have everyone's attention a minute.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

We're only going to be on the Floor about five more minutes. Could we have your attention for five minutes. Could we ask the staff to take the conferences off the Floor for five minutes. Senator Keats.

SENATOR KEATS:

I think many of us are aware that our former colleague, Senator Leonard Becker, from Cicero passed away Saturday morning.

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And his -- the services for Leonard will be tomorrow morning in Cicero. And Senator Weaver and I will be flying up on a plane, leaving approximately seven-thirty, to represent the Senate. If anyone else would like to join us on that plane, please let us know. The flight will leave roughly seven-thirty. We will land at Midway, go to the services in Cicero, and be coming back a plane that at roughly ten-thirty will leave Midway on the way back. So if anyone would like to join us, we would appreciate it. Just let us know in advance. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 329 offered by Senator Topinka.

It is congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. All right. With leave of the Body, we'll move to Page 30 on the Calendar on the Order of House Bills 1st Reading, Madam Secretary. House Bills 1st.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 43 offered by Senator Daley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 50 offered by Senator Severns.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 72 offered by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 303 offered by Senator Thomas Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 459 offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 518 offered by Senator Savickas.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 524 offered by Senator Jacobs.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 542 offered by Senator Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1533 offered by Senator Leverenz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1584 offered by Senator Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2108 offered by Senator Luft.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 703 offered by Senator DeAngelis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 802 offered by Senator Rea.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, the committees had been scheduled to commence their meetings at one o'clock. I would assume that they will meet promptly upon adjournment. And the committee load is extremely heavy this afternoon and tomorrow morning, so I would encourage all Members to be prompt and in their committee place so that the bills can be heard so that every Member will have the opportunity to have his or her bills heard. Further business to come before the Senate today? Announcements? If not, Senator Demuzio moves that the Senate stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 8. Till tomorrow at twelve-thirty. Twelve-thirty tomorrow, Ladies and Gentlemen. There's a full committee schedule this afternoon and tomorrow morning, so we'll commence at twelve-thirty tomorrow afternoon. Senate stands adjourned.

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