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PRESIDENT ROCK:

The hour of 12:25 having come, the Senate will please come to order. Will the Members be at -- at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer this afternoon by the Reverend Eddie Randolph, East Park Church of Christ, Danville, Illinois. Reverend.

THE REVEREND EDDIE RANDOLPH:

(Prayer by the Reverend Eddie Randolph)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Reverend, thank you very much. Reading of the Journal, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, May 22nd; Thursday, May 23rd; Friday, May 24th; Wednesday, May 29; Thursday, May 30; Tuesday, June 4; Wednesday, June 5; and Thursday, June 6, 1991.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

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 Severns. 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. Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Mr. President, I move that the reading and approval of the Journal of Friday, June 7th, in the year 1991, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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

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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. Senator Vadalabene, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Well, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I've been announcing the good news about the Edwardsville Tigers Baseball Team. Now I'll give you the bad news. They lost their sixty-fifth straight game -- their sixty-fifth game -- at the State Tournament here in Springfield Saturday night. However, they did have sixty-four straight wins and set a new State record. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. WICS-TV has requested permission to shoot some videotape, as have, I might say, some friends of Senator-designate Alice Palmer. Without objection, leave is granted to film the proceedings. Senator Kelly, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I just want to extend my condolences to the Senator from Edwardsville. However, our high school -- Thornwood High School won the State championship - not only the boys, but the girls - for the second straight year. And I'm sorry it had to be Edwardsville, Senator. But, anyway, you've had a great tradition, and sixty-three wins is nothing to certainly -- sixty-four? That's outstanding. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator -- Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR DUDYCH:

A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point, please.

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SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Mr. President, while we're in -- at -- in the -- at the topic of softball games, we all know that this evening the Senate is going to be playing the House on their annual softball game. And if tradition holds true, we may not be as successful tonight as we have not been in the previous years. But take heart, because last night the Senate pages, in extra innings, beat the House pages, 10 to 11. And I think that those of us that are on the -- on the Senate baseball team -- softball team should get some pointers from our pages, so this year we might change the trend.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. If I can have your attention. We have with us a special guest, and the Chair will yield to Senator Ted Lechowicz for the proper introduction. Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Thank you, President Rock, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. It's my pleasure this afternoon to introduce to this Body the Gentleman who is serving as the Consul General of Poland to -- to -- in Chicago, Mr. Hubert Romanowski. In July of 1990, Mr. Hubert Romanowski was asked, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Krzysztof Szkrublewski, to be in charge of the Chicagoland office, to be the General Consul in Chicago. His tenure began -- began last month -- of November of 1990. Mr. Romanowski is the first known communist to hold such a position in fifty years. Would you please greet Mr. Romanowski and his lovely wife, Beverly. Mr. Romanowski. Let me just give you a brief background of Mr. Romanowski, if I may. In 1985 he was granted political asylum in the United States on the basis of his former arrest and imprisonment in Poland for his involvement in Solidarity activities. While in Chicago, Mr. Romanowski continued to support the Democratic Opposition Movement in Poland. He was the founding member of the Brotherhood of Dispersed Solidarity

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Members, which raised money for the opposition movement in Poland during the break, and he was very actively involved in the underground years from 1985 to 1989. Mr. Romanowski was also involved in several other organizations. He was a founding member of the New Polish National Alliance Fraternal...(inaudible)... He also helped organize the Chicago chapter of the Chicago Polish based club of Catholic -- intellectuals which brought together members of the post-World War II era. Mr. Romanowski's most ambitious involvement was the revival of the Chicago chapter of the Polish University abroad - PUNO, an institution his grandfather helped establish in England after World War II. As director of PUNO since 1986, Mr. Romanowski instituted English language, computer and business instructions for new emigres. In the summer of 1990, Mr. -- Mr. Romanowski secured funds to organize a summer business school in Krakow, a medieval city in Poland where a team of business instructors taught free-market economics to Polish students and entrepreneurs. Mr. Romanowski holds a doctorate degree in physical chemistry from the University of Wroclaw. During his academic career he received numerous awards for his research in the field of chemistry, and has published extensively in the American and European scientific journals. In 1982 Romanowski accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at Illinois Institute of Technology. In 1985 he became a research associate of Northwestern University, and in 1987 he took a position at the University of Chicago. So you can see, he's been actively involved in our Chicagoland area and in the State of Illinois. And I'm very pleased to introduce him now as the Consul General. Let's give him a warm reception.

CONSUL GENERAL HUBERT ROMANOWSKI:

(Remarks by Consul General Hubert Romanowski)

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

To Dr. Hubert Romanowski - it's our pleasure to welcome you to

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Springfield. And I just want you to be aware of the fact that it was this Body right here - the Senate - that provided the money to open the office in Warsaw. And it was our -- our hope and really it's really come back tenfold already. Where the number of people between Illinois and Warsaw has exchanged not only the -- in the academic basis, but as far as the business community, in making sure that that office is a viable office, and there is an exchange of ideas and democracy. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

If I can have the attention of the Membership. We have a very special occasion to celebrate. And there are a number of special guests. And I would ask your indulgence and attention. And the Chair will yield to Senator Earlean Collins for the purpose of introductions.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Senator Rock. I have the distinct pleasure this morning to introduce to this Body our new -- the new Senator from the Thirteenth Senatorial District on the West Side of Chicago. She has some big shoes to fill, following the Honorable Senator Newhouse, who has served this Body well over the years. But I'm sure - and I'm more than sure - that she is equal to the occasion. Our new Senator this morning have with her - before I introduce her, and she will be sworn in properly this morning - her husband is accomplishing <sic> her, Mr. Buzz Palmer, and her pastor, who will be officially giving her the oath of office this morning, Miss Yvonne Delk. And -- and Mr. Jim Flag, her chief of -- her chief of staff. So at this point, I would like for the Members of this Body to welcome our new Senator, Mrs. Alice Palmer. And we will have the -- Mrs. Alice Palmer, would you --

MRS. ALICE PALMER:

Thank you very much. I'm very pleased and honored to be among you in this Body. Senator Newhouse was a clarion voice for

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justice and for all that was good in what we're trying to accomplish in Chicago. And I look forward to working with each and every one of you as we move forward during difficult times, I understand. But those are the times when the best comes out in the best of people. Thank you.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Yes. We will now have the official oath of office by her pastor, Reverend Delk.

THE REVEREND YVONNE V. DELK:

Senator Palmer, just a few words before I administer the oath. First, to say that there is a great deal of expectation that's surrounding this moment. And that expectation comes from communities and neighborhoods where a lot of people - men, women and children - young people - struggle for quality of life. And they have an expectation that as you take your oath today, that they will have, in you, an advocate - an advocate that will attempt to represent justice and that will attempt to improve the quality of life. There's also a lot of hope. And that hope comes from a lot of people and organizations that believe that working together we can make a difference, and that it is -- that's it's possible to improve the quality of life for all of us if we can stand together. There are a lot of walls in the world today, but there are also persons who are attempting to build some bridges. So it's in the context of expectations and hope; it's in the context of hoping that you will help us to build some bridges; and in the context that you can help us improve the quality of life, working in partnership with a number of people in this room and with a lot of us in the communities in Chicago, that I administer this oath to you. Will you repeat after me. I, Alice Palmer,

MRS. ALICE PALMER:

I, Alice Palmer,

THE REVEREND YVONNE V. DELK:

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do solemnly swear

MRS. ALICE PALMER:

do solemnly swear

THE REVEREND YVONNE V. DELK:

that I will support the Constitution

MRS. ALICE PALMER:

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THE REVEREND YVONNE V. DELK:

May God surround you with power, strength, spirit and conviction.

SENATOR PALMER:

Thank you.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Before she goes -- before Reverend Delk goes, let me just tell you that she is the director of one of the oldest community self-help organizations in this State, if not the oldest. It is a hundred and twenty-five years old. It's the -- it's called the Community Renewal Society. And she is also a member of the National Council of Churches, and she serves on a committee worldwide to combat racism. And we are honored and pleased to have had her today here to -- to administer the oath of office to our new Senator from the Thirteenth Legislative District. Thank you. And -- and now, Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Demuzio and D'Arco, Co-chairmen of the Senate Committee on Assignment of Bills, reports the assignment of House Bill 719 to the Transportation Committee.

Senator Jacobs, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Credit Regulations, reports House Bills numbered 7, 67, 342, 523 <sic> (524), 679, 897, 989, 1379, 1488, 1569, 1910, 1911, 2014,

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2015, 2016, 2108, 2134 and 2448 Do Pass. And House Bills numbered 1912, 2118 and 2562 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Watson, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point, please.

SENATOR WATSON:

You should have all received today an invitation from the Illinois Pharmacists' Association for a -- they're having a cookout on the west side of the -- the Capitol. They've got hamburgers, hotdogs and bratwurst. So, all of you are welcome to go down there. And that's -- it's going on right now. It's on the west side of the Capitol, and it's the Illinois Pharmacists' Association. Also, Mr. President, I'd just like to remind the Members once -- once again that we have the annual House/Senate softball game tonight. We're going to try to -- arrive at five-thirty, put in a little practice, get warmed up, and then the game starts at six-thirty. That's tonight at Iles Park. So we certainly welcome everyone, and hope we'll have a successful evening. As you know, the Senate pages beat the House pages last night, in extra innings, 11 to 10. So we want to follow our -- the good direction of our pages. So, those of you, come on out tonight. Senator Severns, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I would like to request that we waive posting requirements for House Bill 185 and House Bill 186 so that they can be heard in the Appropriations I Committee today.

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Lady seeks leave to waive the appropriate rules with respect to posting, for House Bills 185 and 86, so that they can be heard in Appropriations I this afternoon. Without objection, leave is granted. Message 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 14.

It is substantive.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Executive. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 510 offered by Senators Davidson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 511 offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolutions 512, 513 and 514 offered by Senator Topinka.

Senator Resolution 515 offered by Senators DeAngelis and Mahar.

Senate Resolutions 516 and 517 offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

And Senate Joint Resolution 68 offered by Senator Topinka. They're all congratulatory and death resolutions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 518 offered by Senator Jones.

And Senate Joint Resolution 69 offered by Senators Woodyard and Demuzio.

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They're both substantive.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Executive. Senator Demuzio. Motions in Writing, Madam Secretary. Read the motion, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move that the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities be discharged from further consideration of House Bill 7-3-5; and that the Committee on State Government, Organization and Administration be discharged from further consideration of House Bill 1565; that the two bills be reassigned to the Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Corrections; and that all applicable rules be waived for consideration of the bills.

Filed by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would move the motion just read by the Secretary, which is, in fact, transferring bills to various committees, and I would move adoption of the motion.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved approval of the Motion to Reassign certain bills that were misassigned to committees. Without objection, leave -- the motion carries. Leave is granted. With leave of the Body, we'll move to the Order of House Bills 1st Reading. House Bills 1st Reading, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1930 offered by Senator Rea.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

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Well, thank you, Mr. President. The -- House Bill 1930 that was just read into the record by the Secretary -- I would move that the bill be -- that the appropriate rules be waived and that the bill be assigned to the Committee on Public Health, so that it can be heard this week.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman seeks leave to waive the appropriate rules so that House Bill 1930 can be assigned -- will be assigned to the Committee on Public Health, and that the posting requirement be waived so that it can be heard this week. Without objection, leave is granted. It's so ordered. Senator del Valle, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to have Senator Cullerton become chief sponsor of House Bill 1243 and to have me added as hyphenated sponsor.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman seeks leave to show Senator Cullerton as the chief sponsor of House Bill 1243 and himself, Senator del Valle, as the hyphenated co-sponsor. Without objection, leave is granted. Communications from the Committee on Committees.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

To the Secretary of the Senate: Please be advised that Senator Ted Leverenz will replace Senator Newhouse as Chairman of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee. This appointment takes effect July <sic> (June) 11, 1991.

Filed by Senator -- Sam Vadabene, Chairman of the Committee on Committees.

Another Message to the Secretary of the Senate: Please be advised that Senator Alice Palmer will serve as a Member of the following Senate standing committees - Consumer Affairs as Vice

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Chair, Commerce and Economic Development, Appropriations II, Elementary and Secondary Education and Higher Education. These appointments take effect July -- pardon me -- June 11, 1991.

Filed by Senator Sam Vadalabene, Chairman of the Committee on Committees.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, there is a very full committee schedule, both this afternoon and tomorrow morning, so that -- unless there are further business -- unless there is further business or further announcements. Senator DeAngelis, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. --

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Can I ask the Members to please lend their attention. We are only going to be in Session roughly under five minutes. And then you can talk all afternoon. Please. Senators Rea, Jacobs. Please. We're going to be in Session five more minutes, then you can talk all day. Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Without wanting to interrupt the proceedings previously, I would like to clear the record. The team that beat Edwardsville was Thornwood High School, which is in my district. And I can tell you that it was a great deal of satisfaction to have the winner. But, more importantly, it was the first time in Illinois history that we had the State Finals from two Italian Senators' districts. So it was highly gratifying.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Both -- the Chair will reflect that both Italians are clapping. Thank you very much. Senator Philip, for what purpose do you arise? Senator Philip.

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SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd ask that the record would indicate that Senator Mahar is not here because he's got the mumps. And so whether he'll show up this week or not, I don't know.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

The record will so reflect. Senator Berman, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BERMAN:

For purpose of a motion, Mr. President. I would ask for leave to substitute Senator Jones for -- myself for Senator Jones as the principal sponsor of House Bill 1-0-9-7.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

1-0-9-7. The Gentleman seeks leave to be shown as the principal Senate sponsor of House Bill 1-0-9-7. Without objection, leave is granted. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. Just to announce to the members of the Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activity Committee that we will begin immediately after adjournment, and we should get through very soon.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Any further business or announcements to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Vadalabene moves that the Senate stand adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 12th, at the hour of noon. Noon tomorrow, Ladies and Gentlemen. And I would ask the Members to be prompt for both committees this afternoon and tomorrow morning. Senate stands adjourned until noon tomorrow.

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